

Town Meetings of Bethel, Maine: Dates from 1796 to 1822

State of Maine Town of Bethel Records 1796 to 1822

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

An Act to incorporate the Plantation called Sudbury Canada in the County of York into a Town, by the name of Bethel and for dividing the same town and establishing therein two Parishes.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that the Tract of land called Sudbury Canada bound as follows,

Beginning at a Beach tree marked S Y one mile from Amare-scoggin River and on the North Side of Peabody's Pattant, thence running South twenty degress East; four miles and one half on Peabody's Patent, and Fryeburg Academy land to a Hemlock Tree marked ~~++~~ ///. Thence East twenty degress north, nine miles on Oxford and State land to a Beach Tree marked /, thence North twenty degress West four miles, one quarter and sixty rods on Newpennicook to Amairescoggin River, thence West two degrees South three miles and three quarters on Howard's Grant to a Beach Tree; Thence West thirty four degrees sough on Thomastown to the first Mentioned Bound, — Together with the Inhabitants thereon, be and they are hereby incorporated into a Town by the name of Bethel, And the inhabitants of same Town are hereby invested with all the Powers, privileges and immunties which the Inhabitants of Towns within this Commonwealth do or may by Law enjoy —

And be it further Enacted that Benjamin Russell, Esq. is hereby authorized and empowered to issue his Warrent directed to some Sutable Inhabitant of said Town of Bethel directing him to notify the Inabitants of said Town quallified to vote in town affairs, to meet at such time and place as he shall appoint to choose such officers as other Town are empowered to choose at their annual meetings in the month of March or April annually.

Be it further enacted by the authority afore said, that the said Town of Bethel be, and the same is hereby divided into two distinct Parishes, to be designated "The East Parish" and "West Parish" and the following shall be the dividing line between said Parishes (viz) Beginning on the South line of the Town at a Tree marked sixteen seventeen, standing on the line between the sixteenth & seventeenth Ranges to the north line of the town; and all the lands in said Town with the Inhabitants thereon, East of said dividing line be and hereby are incorporatated into a sepearte Parish by the name of the East Parish in Bethel, and all the land in said Town with the Inhabitants thereon West of the said Dividing line, be and hereby are Incorporated into a sepearte Parish by the name of the West Parish in Bethel.

And that each of said Parishes be and are hereby proessed (sic) with all the Powers, Privileges and immunities which other Parishes within this Commonwealth are entitled to or do by Law enjoy ———

And be it further ennacted by the Authority afore said; that Benj.ⁿ Russell, Esq. be and he is hereby authorized to issue his Several Warrants directed to some sutable (sic.) person in Each of said Parishes Requiring him to notify and warn the Inhabitants wherein he lives to meet at the time and Place expressed in such Warrent for the purpose of choosing such Parish officers as may by chosen in the Month of March or April Annually, and also to transact any other Business that may be legally transacted in Parish meetings ——— From the House of Representatives June 10th 1796 — This Bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted. Edward Robbins Speaker ———

From the Senate June 10th 1796

This Bill having had two several Readings passed to be enacted ——— Samuel Phillips, President June 10th 1796 ——— by the Governor Approved Samuel Adams

True Copy atest John Avery Secretary

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

York ss — To Eli Twitchell of Bethel in said County of York —
Gentlemen — Greeting —

Your are hereby authorized and Directed fourthwith to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town of Bethel quallified to vote in Town Meetings (viz) such as pay to one Single tax besides the pole or poles a sum equal to a Single Poll tax; to meet and assemble at the Dwelling House of Mr. Amos Hastings in the said Town on Monday the Fifteenth day of August next at one of the clock in the afternoon, giving fiftenn days notice at least of said meeting — for the Purpose of choosing Officers as other Towns are empowered to choose at their meetings in the month of March or April annually — First to choose a Moderator to Regulate said meeting — 2nd a Clerk — 3rd Selectmen — 4th Treasurer — 5th assessors — 6th a Constable — 7th a Collector of taxes — and any other officers that the Town think proper to choose — and you are hereby directed to make Return to me of your doings in Consequence of this warrent to you directed — Given under my hand Seal this Twentythird day of July in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and ninety six — by order of the General Court —

Benjamin Russell, Just. of the Peace

Persuant to the above Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town quallified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the Purpose within mentioned.

Eli Twitchell

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bethel opened on the fifteenth day of August A. D. one thousand seven Hundred and ninety six — Made choice of Lieut. Johathan Clark Moderator for said Meeting — and by a Vote made choice of Benjamin Russell Town Clerk the ensuing year. Then voted that there be three Selectmen chosen the ensuing year. Then by written votes made choice of John Killgore for the first selectman the year ensuing — Voted Lieut. Jonathan Clark be the second Selectman the ensuing year —

Voted that Jonathan Bartlett be the third Selectman the year

ensuing——

Voted that Lieut. Jonathan Clark be Town Treasurer for ensuing year,

Voted that Mr. Joseph G. Swan be Constable for ensuing year,

Voted that the Person that will Collect the Town, State, and County Taxes for the least sum on the Dollar, be the Collector the ensuing year and bid off to Mr. Joseph G. Swan at three Cents on the Dollar——

Then voted for Tythingmen for the year ensuing year, made choice
of Messers. Jedediah Grover } Tythingmen
Gideon Powers }

Mr. John York } Surveyers of Lumber
Lt. Jon.^a Clark }

Messers. John Stearns }
James Swan, Jr. } Hogleavs the ensuing year
Silas Powers }

York ss in the month of August 1796 Personaly appeared all the
above mentioned Town officers and ware (sic.) Sworn to the
faithfull Discharge of the duty of their respective offices
before me.

Benj.ⁿ Russell, Justice of the Peace

York ss August 15th 1796

Personaly appeared Benjamin Russell, Esq. and was sworn
truly to Record all votes passed in this meeting and at other
town meetings during the year and until another Clerk Shall be
chosen and Sworn

Before Jonathan Clark, Moderator. _____

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel
Notified and Warned as the law directs, holden on the Monday in
March 1797 for the Purpose of choosing Town Officers, and trans-
acting any other matters that maybe thought Nessary (sic), the
Town being assembled at the Dwelling House of Mr. Amos Hastings
and the Meeting opened_____

Made choice of Lieut. Jonathan Clark for Moderator of the
Meeting.

1st Voted that Benjamin Russell Town Clerk the ensuing year

2nd Voted that Jonathan Bartlett be Town Treasurer the ensuing
year

3rd Voted to choose three selectmen for the year ensuing

4th Voted that the Selectmen when choosen, be the assessors

5th made choce of Messers Jesse Dustin

Jonathan Clark	}	Selectmen
Jeremiah Andrews		

Then voted that the Collector of Taxes be set up at vandue and
strick off to him that will collect it for the Posted sum Struck
off to Joseph G. Swan at four mills on the (work is left out)
Voted that Joseph G. Swan be Constable for the Twon of Bethel
the ensuring year_____ Then voted to chose five Tything-
men for the Town of Bethel the ensuing year_____

Then made choice of Messers: Enoch Bartlett

Ezra Twitchell	}	Tythingmen
Oliver Fenno		
Asa Kimball		
Jesse Dustin		

Then Voted to choose seven surveyors of highways for year ensuing

then made choice of Messers: Moses Bartlett

Theodore Russell	}	Surveyors of Highways
Amos Hastings		
Eli Twitchell		
Josiah Bean		
Arnold Powers		

Then made choice of Messers: Jonathan Clark

Jesse Dustin	}	Surveyors of Lumber
Amos Hastings		

Then voted to appoint five hogreeves for the year ensuing. Then
made Choice of Messers: Simon Twitchell

John Starns

Thomas Frost

Nathanial Swan

John Russell

} Hogreeves

Then voted to choose five fence viewers the year ensuing, then
made choice of Messers: Joseph Greewood

William Russell

Jesse Dustin

Jeremiah Andrews

Oliver Fenno

} Fence Viewers

Jonathan Clark Moderator

Master Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

York ss To Joseph G. Swan Contable for the Town of Bethel
Greeting _____

you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town Meetings to meet in said Bethel on the first Monday of April next at the Dwelling House of Mr. Amos Hastings in said Bethel at two of the Clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following particulars (viz) 1. Choose a Moderator for said meeting 2nd vote for a Governor _____ 3rd Lieut. Governor _____ 4th two Senators _____ 5th to see if the Town will except of Mr. Joseph G. Swan and his bondsmen for his collection of the Taxes the ensuing year _____ Faill (sic) not of making a Return of this Warrent and of your doing herin unto us on or before said day, Given under our hand and souls this fourteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninetyseven _____

Jesse Dustin
Jonathan Clark
Jeremiah Andrews } Selectmen

For Conformity to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel assembled on the first Monday in April 1797 to give in their votes for Governor & Lieut. Governor and Senator and voted by ballot as follows _____

Governor	Lt. Governor	Senators	
Moses Gill 14	Increase Sumner 14	Nathanial Wells	16
		Simon Frye	16

Attest Benjamin Russell, Town Clerk

To Joseph G. Swan Constable for the Town of Bethel, Greeting you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notifie and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town Meetings, to meet and assemble on Tuesay, the fifteenth day of August instant, at the dwelling House of Mr. Amos Hastings in said Town at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles (viz) first to Choose a Moderator to Regulate said

Meeting—— 2nd To see what Menthord the Town will take with a Child of William Uland to support it and 3rd to see if the Town will Raise more money to defray Town Charges.—— 4th To See if the Town will Consent to exchange the fourteenth lot in the Eleventh Range on the north side of the River for another lot that Shall be as good—— if it can be done by a Petition to General Court—— the said exchange is Requested by William Russell — Given under our hands and Seals at Bethel August 4th 1797——

Jesse Duston }
Jonathan Clark } Selectmen

Agreeable to the foregoing warrent the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel quallified to vote in Town Meetings are met at the time and place above—— The moderator opened the meeting.——
1st Voted Lt. Jonathan Clark be moderator for said meeting——
Voted that a child, the Daughter of William Uland who is now a town Charge be put up to the lowest bidder (viz) to See who will take said Child until She be Eighteen years of age for the least sum of money—— Simeon Twitchell is the lowest Bidder—— he agrees to take the above mentioned child until She be Eighteen years of age if she Should live until that time for twenty four Dollars——
Voted to raise twenty five Dollars to defray town charges
Voted that William Russell have the fourteenth lot in the Eleventh Ragne on the north side of the River if he, the said William Shaut get one that Shall be thought as good.

Jonathan Clark Moderator
Master Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

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Warrent Annual Town Meeting 1798

To Joseph G. Swan Constable for the Town of Bethel Greeting _____
 you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts to notifie and warn the freeholders and other
 inhabitants of said Town quallified by law to vote in Town Mettings
 (viz) Such as pay to a Single tax before the Poll or Polls a
 Sum Equal to a Single Pole tax, to meet and assemble at the
 dwelling House of Capt. Amos Hastings on Monday the fifth day
 of March next at ten of the Clock in the Fore noon, to vote on
 the following articals (viz) first Choose a Moderator to govern
 said Meeting _____

2nd to Choose a Clerk _____

3rd Selectmen and Assessors _____

4th Treasurer _____

5th Constable and Collector _____

6th to Choose other Town officers as the law directs _____

7th to See if the Town will Raise any Sum or Sums of Money to
 defray Town Charges the present year _____

8th to See if the Town will vote to have some trees fell on the
 School land and how much _____

9th to See if the Town will appoint a Committee to divide the
 Town into Districts for Schools _____

10th to See if the Town will State Jesse Duston ferry and others

Given under our Hands and Seal this Sixth day of Feb 1798.

Jesse Duston

Jonathan Clark

Jeremiah Andrews

} Selectmen

In legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel
 notified and warned as the law directs. Holden on the fifth day
 of March A. D. 1798 for the purpose of chosing Town officers etc.
 The Town being assembled at the Dwelling House of Capt. Amos
 Hastings and the meeting open and by a vote made choice of Lieut.
 Ezra Twitchell Moderator for said Meeting _____
 Then Voted that Benjamin Russell be Town Clerk the ensuing year
 Then voted that there be three Selectmen choosen the ensuring year

Then by written votes made choice Messers:

Jesse Duston

Eeazer T^hwitchell

Jeremiah Andrews

} Selectmen

Then Voted that Mr. Jonathan Bartlett be Treasurer for the Town of Bethel the ensuing year_____

Then Voted that Capt Eli Twitchell be Constable the ensuing year

Then Voted that the Collector of Taxes be vandued and strick off to him that will collect it for the least sum_____ and strik off to Aaron Barton at four cents on the dollar _____

Then Voted to appoint eight surveyors of highways of ensuing year

Then made Choice of Mr.s Joseph Greenwood

Joseph G. Swan

John York

Oliver Fenno

Jesse Duston

Walter Mason

John Holt

Josiah Bean

Surveyors
of Highways

Then Voted that Lt. Jonathan Clark & Mr. John York he Surveyors of lumber the ensuing year_____ Then Voted that Charles Starns Gideon Powers, & John Killgore be fence viewers the ensuing year
Then Voted Mr.s Amos Gage, Josiah Bean, Jesse Duston, Theodore Russell, and John Elenwood Tythingmen the ensuing year_____

Then Voted that Capt. Amos Hastings, David Coffin, Dudley Swan, Arnold Powers, Stephen B artlett & Thomas Starns Hogleaves the ensuing year_____

Then Voted that Mr.s Nathaniel Seager, Ezra Twitchell & Daniel Gage be Fiel(d)drivers the ensuing year_____

Then Voted to pass over the Seventh Article in the Warrent

Then Voted to pass over the eighth article

Then Voted to Choose a Committee to divide the Town into (S)Chooole Districts_____ Then Voted that the Committee Consist of Seven

Persons, then made choice of Mr.s

Nathaniel Seager

Jonathan Bartlett

Amos Gage

Eleazer Twitchell

Amos Hastings

Josiah Bean

Walter Mason

School
Committee

Then Voted that the Selectmen of the Town of Bethel state the
Ferries and the price of Ferriage in the Town of Bethel _____

Voted to Reconsider the above vote _____

Then Voted that Capt. Eli Twitchell

Josiah Bean

Lt. Jonathan Clark

} Committee to establish
the ferries in the Town
of Bethel

Then Voted to Choose a Committee to Settle with the Plantation
Treasurer and made Choice of Messers:

Ezra Twitchell

John York

John Holt

Amos Gage

Jeremiah Andrews

} Committee to Settle
with the Plantation
Treasurer

Ezra Twitchell Moderator

Attest Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

At legal meeting of the male Inhabitants of the Town of Bethel
in the County of York quallified by the Constitution to vote for
Governor, Lt. Governor, Senators and Representators. The said
meeting being warned as the said Constitution directs and held
on the Second day of April being the first Monday of said Month
A.D. 1798 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor,
Lt. Governor of said Commonwealth, and Senators for said County
of York _____

Votes for the following Persons were given in, Counted and Sorted
and Declaration thereof made as by said Constitution is directed.

Governor

Lt. Governor

Senators

Increase Sumner Votes 20 Moses Gill votes 18 Nathaniel Wells

Simon Frye

Jesse Duston

Eleazer Twitchell

Jeremiah Andrews

} Selectmen

Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

Warrant

To Eli Twitchell Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting_____

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to nofifie and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the said Town of Bethel of twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold state within this Commonwealth of the annual rate of three pounds or any estate to the value of Sixty pounds; to meet at Amos Hastings on Monday the Second day of April next at Twelve of the Clock on said day to give in their votes for Governor, Lt. Governor and Senators agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. In the first place to choose a Moderator to govern said meeting_____ and also to act on the lollowing articles (viz) To see if the Town will Raise Money for Schooling

3rd to see if the Town will Raise money for Repairing Highways
4th To see if the Town will Raise money for building Schoolhouses
5th To see if the Town will Raise money for defarying other Town Charges — 6th To see what meathord the Town will take to provide for the people ensuing year 7th To alow accounts and chose a Committee or Committees that the Town shall think proper when met_____ given under our hand and Seals at Bethel this fifteenth day of March A. D. 1798 _____

Jesse Duston

Jeremiah Andrews

} Selectmen

In compliance with the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel being now assembled on this Second day of April A. D. 1798 the meeting opens_____

Voted that Joseph Greenwood Esq. be made moderator for said meeting

Then voted that there be three School houses built in the Town of Bethel_____ then voted that the Houses be built twenty four feet by twenty_____ then voted to Raise three Hundred dollars to build the before mentioned Houses, then voted that Messers Eli Twitchell, John Holt, Josiah Bean be a Committee for Caring on the building said Houses _____ then voted the above committee pitch on the places where said Houses are to stand in said Town_____ then voted that the said Committed make Report at the Adjurment of this meeting where said Houses are to Stand in said Town_____ Then voted not to Raise any money to Support a School the year ensuing _____ then voted to Raise one Hundred Dollars to Repair highways this present year_____ then voted to allow (sic) four shillings per day to those that labour on the Road_____ and two Shillings & eight pence a day for a yoke of oxen_____ then voted to allow (sic) the Treasurers account_____ voted to allow (sic) Benjamin Russell's account for service as

Plantation Treasurer	\$ 5:0:0
voted to allow Joseph G. Swan's account	39:43:2
voted to allow Jesse Dustin's account	13: 7:3
voted to allow Esq. Amos Gage's account	2:54:0
voted to allow Jeremiah Andrew's account	11:33:0
voted to allow Lt. Jonathan Clark's account	12:59:0
voted to allow Capt. Eli Twitchell's account	3:14:6
voted to allow Lt. Ezra Twitchell's account	0:50:0

voted and granted fifty Dollars to defray Town Charges the present year_____ voted that this meeting be and is adjourned to the last Wedensday in May next at the Dwelling House of Capt. Amos Hastings in said Bethel at one of the clock in the afternoon-

Attest Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

The inhabitants of the Town of Bethel adjourned there Town meeting held on the Second day of April 1798 to this 30th day of May 1798 — The Town being assembled to their adjournment, the meeting opened by Moderator —

Then voted Raise two Hundred Dollars to Repair highways in addition to one Hundred Dollars already granted at the last meeting — Then voted to Except the Report of the Committee in Regard to where the School Houses are to Stand in the Town of Bethel — Then voted that this meeting be and is adjourned to the Second Monday in August next at the Dwelling House of Capt Amos Hastings in said Bethel at two of the clock in the afternoon —

Attest Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

We the Subscribers being Appointed to a Committee to pay out or pitch for place to set School houses in the Twon of Bethel — Beg leave to report as Follows, that the Schoolhouse at the East Parish to be set nigh Mr. Thadeus Bartlett — and that the Schoolhouse at the Middle Intervale to be set South of Capt. Amos Hastings not far from the line between the Parishes: The Schoolhouse at the West Parish to be set nigh Mr. John Starns's barn — this being our Judgement —

May 30th 1798

Josiah Bean

Eli Twitchell

John Holt

} Committee

A Warrant for a Town Metting appointed on the adjournment of a former meeting on the 30th of May 1798

To Eli Twitchell Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting _____
 you are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts, to notify and warn the feeholders and other
 Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town Meetings
 (viz) such as pay to one Single tax before the Pole or Poles, a
 Sum equal to a Single pole tax, to meet and assemble at the
 Dwelling House of Capt Amos Hastings on Wedesday the thirtyeth
 day of May instant at two of the clock in the afternoon. To
 act on the following articles (viz) To choose a moderator to
 Regulate Said meeting 2nd to See if the Town will choose a
 Treasurer in the place of Jonathan Bartlett late of Bethel de-
 ceased 3rd To See if the Town will take into Possession the
 Minister lot adjoining Mr. Joseph G. Swan's Intervale lot for
 the benefit of the Town 4th To See if the Town will set up
 the Building of the Schoolhouses at vandue at the lowest bider,
 giving each inhabitant the privilidge to pay a propotionable
 part in labour or lumber at a Reasonable price- which School
 houses was voted to be built at the last meeting _____

Given under our hands and Seal this Sixteenth day of May
 A. D. 1798.

Jesse Duston }
 Eleazer Twitchell } Selectmen

In compliance with the above Warrant, the inhhitants of Bethel
 are assembled for the purpose above mentioned on this Thirtheth
 day of May 1798. The meeting opened. Made choice of Mr. Eliphaz
 Chapman moderator for said Meeting _____ Then made choice of
 Mr. John Holt Town Treasurer for present year. Voted that the
 Town take the Minster intervale lot into their possession _____
 Then voted that the Town leave out that part of the minister lot
 that is now emproved _____ The fourth and last in the Warrant
 past in the negetive _____ and the meeting Dissolved _____

Eliphaz Chapman Moderator

Attest Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

In page 18 ——— A Town meeting held on the 30th of May 1798 and adjourned to this second Monday in August 1798 at Capt A. Hastings at two of the clock in the afternoon——the meeting opened and but few to attend voted to adjurn said meeting to the last Monday in October next to the dwelling House of Benjamin Russell in said Bethel at two of the clock in the afternoon and adjurned accordingly————

Attest Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

The inhabitants of the Town of Bethel being assembled on the last Monday in October 1798 according to the adjurnment and the Moderator opened meeting——Voted that there be three hundred Dollars Raised in addition to what is already Raised to be laid out on the highways in Bethel and to be worked out by the first of July next, to be worked at the Rate as that first Granted for highways—— Then voted that the Committee for School houses appoint a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town and set the artiicles for building said houses up at vandue to those that will find said Articles at the lowest Price————

Attest Joseph Greenwood Moderator
a true Copy B. Russell Town Clerk

Warrant Annual Town Meeting March 1799

To Capt Eli Twitchell Constable for the Town of Bethel Greeting
 you are hereby required in the name of the Common wealth of Mas-
 sachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabit-
 ants of said Town quallified by law to vote in town meetings
 (viz) such as pay to a single tax before the pole or poles a
 sum Equal to a Single pole tax to meet and assemble at the dwelling
 House of Capt Amos Hastings in said Bethel on Monday the fourth
 day of March next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to vote on
 the following articles (viz) first to Choose a moderator to
 govern said meeting 2nd a Clerk 3rd Selectmen.—— 4th Collector
 of Taxes 5th Constable 6th other Town officers as the law
 directs 7th To see if the Town will raise money for a School
 8th To See if the Town will Raise money for Roads 9th to See if
 the Town will Raise money to Defray Town Charges 10th To See if
 the Town will vote to have the Schoolhouse at the West Parish set
 the n orth side of the River 11th To See if the Town will Except
 accounting _____

Fail not to make Return of this Warrant with your doings on
 or before said day_____ Given under our hands and Seal this
 fifteenth day of Febuary (sic) A. D. 1799_____

Eliazer Twitchell }
 Jeremiah Andrews } Selectmen

The inhabitants of the Town of Bethel assembled on the first
 Monday in March 1799 for the purpose Set forth in the above
 Warrant—— the Clerk opened the meeting and by a vote made
 Choice of Lt. Jonathan Clark Moderator to govern said meeting
 2nd Then voted that Benjamin Russell be Town Clerk the ensuing
 year _____

3rd Then by a vote made choice of John Holt Treasurer the en-
 suing year.—— then voted that there be three selectmen chosen
 for the year ensuing then made choiceof Misters

Eli Twitchell }
 Gideon Powers } Selectmen
 Oliver Fenno }

Then voted the Collector of Taxes be him that will Collect it
 for the least sum, and bid off to Aaron Bartlett at three cents
 and nine mills on the Dollar.—— Then made Choice of Misters

Walter Mason	}	Surveyors of Highways
Moses Mason		
Josiah Bean		
Gideon Powers		
Amos Hastings		
Peregrine Bartlett		
Jeremiah Andrews		
Abraham Russell		
Amos Gage		

Then voted to choose three Surveyors the ensuing year then by votes made choice of Misters

Jonathan Clark	}	Surveyors of Lumber
Nathaniel Seager		
Nathaniel Swan		

Then voted to choose five fence viewers the present year then by votes made choice of Misters

Eliphaz Chapman	}	Fence viewers
Amos Hastings		
Thaddeus Bartlett		
Theodore Russell		
John Grover		

Then voted to choose Tythingmen the present year then by vote made of Misters

John Killgore	}	Tythingmen
John Grover		
Isaac York		

Then voted Lt. Ezra Twitchell be Sealer of Leather the ensuing year _____

Then voted to choose five Hogreeves the ensuing year then made choice of Misters

Reuben Bartlett	}	Hogreeves
Moses Frost		
Eliphalet Lane		
Timothy A. Holt		

Misters

John Grover	}	Field Drivers
Reuben Bartlett		
Thaddeus Bartlett		

Voted that Capt Eli Twitchell Sealer of weights and measures _____

Voted to Raise a Sum of Money to Support a School the year ensuing

Then voted to Rasie one Hundred & fifty Dollars for that Purpose voted that the one half of said 100 fifty Dollars be bid out for a summer School _____

voted that there be Raised three hundred Dollars to be laid out on Roads the present year _____ voted that there be Seventy Dollars Raised to Defray Town charges the present year _____ then voted to pass over the tenth article in the warrant and Refer the eleventh to the Selectmen.

Jonathan Clark Moderator

Attest Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

York ss Bethel March 4th 1799

The above mentioned Town officers chosen into office this day
appeared and were sworn to the faith full discharge of their duty
as the law directs

Before Benjamin Russell, Justice of the Peace

At a meeting of the Male inhabitants of the Town of Bethel
 quallified by the Constitution to vote for Govenor, Lt. Govenor,
 Senators and Representatives, the said Meeting being warned as
 the Constitution directs ——— and held on the first Monday in
 April A. D. 1799 for the purpose of giving in their votes for
 Governor and Lt. Governor for the said Commonwealth and Senators
 for said County of York ——— voted for the following Persons
 were given in Counted and Sorted and Declaration thereof made
 as by the Constitution is directed ———

Governor

Lt. Governor

Increase Summer votes 18

Moses Gill votes 18

Senators

Nathaniel Wills votes 18

Simon Frye votes 18

Attest Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

Warrant

To Aaron Barton Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting _____
you are hereby required in the name of the Common wealth of
Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other
inhab itents of said Town quallified by law to vote in town
Meetings (viz) such as pay to a Single Tax before the Poal (sic)
or Poals (sic) a sum equal to a Single Poal (sic) tax, to meet
and assemble at the dwelling House of Capt Amos Hastings on
Tuesday the thirteenth day of August next at one of the Clock
in the afternoon for the Purpose hereafter mentioned 1st to
choose a Moderator to govern said meeting 2nd to bring in their
votes for a Register of Deeds in the County of York in the
district north of the great Ossipe River agreeable to a late
law of this Commonwealth, which Register when chosen and quallified
as the law directs is to hold and buy his office within the
Town of Fryeburg _____ and you are to make Return of this
warrant with your Proceedings on or before said day _____ Given
under our hands and Seals this Tenth day of July A. D. 1799 _____

Eli Twitchell }
Gideon Powers } Selectmen

Agreeable to the above Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of
Bethel are assembled on this thirteenth day of August 1799 for
the purpose set fourth in said warrant and made choice of Mr.
John York Moderator for said meeting _____ and then brought in
their votes for Register, and are as follows (viz) For Elijah
Russell 13, For Moses Ames 9, For William Russell 3

Attest Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel quallified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives. Holden on the first day of November 1799 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Register of Deeds in and for the District north of the great Ossipee River in the County of York and to transact some other matters — the meeting then made choice of Capt. Eli Twitchell moderator for said meeting — the votes being brought in Counted and Sorted and are as follows — — viz. ————— Votes

for William Russell - - 22

for Moses Ames, Esq. - - 9

for James Osgood - - 1

Then voted to Refer the Seconds Article in the Warrent in Regard to the firearms to the annual meeting in March next — Then voted to Pass over the third article in Regard to School land to the annual March meeting. — Voted that this meeting be and is adjurned to the first Monday in March to the house of Capt. Amos Hastings at three of the clock afternoon — —

Attest Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

To Aron (sic) Barton Constable for the Twon of Bethel Greeting _____
 You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachesetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other
 inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town
 Meetings, (viz.) such as pay to one single tax beside the Pole
 or Poles a sum equal to a single Pole tax. _____ To meet and as-
 semble at Capt Amos Hastings in said Bethel on Monday the third
 day of March next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon, to act on
 the following articles (viz) _____
 First to choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
 2nd Town officers as the law directs in Towns. _____
 3rd to see if the Town will be disposed to Raise Money to build
 more School Houses in said Town, and choose a Committee or Com-
 mittees if the Town thinks fit or act anything relating the
 matter as they shall think best. _____
 4th to Raise money for Schooling of children if thought best. _____
 5th to Raise money for Repairing hightways and Town ways. _____
 6th to see what money will be neccsary to defray Town Charges
 and Raise the same if neccsary. _____
 7th to see if the Town would be disposed to help Mr. Moses
 Frost in anyway under his unfortenate circumstances. _____
 8th to take notice of articles Referred to the annual Meeting,
 to Samuel B. Locke and others. _____
 9th to see if said Town would grant any money for Building a
 Bridge over Alder River and act any thing respecting the matter
 as they think best. _____
 10th to see if the Town will appoint a committee to divide the
 Minister and Ministry Rights. _____ you are Requested to make
 a Trturn of this Warrant with your Doings Previous to the time
 of meeting. _____

Given under our hand and Seals at Bethel this fourteenth
 day of February A. D. 1800. _____

Eli Twitchell }
 Gideon Powers } Selectmen

In compliance with the foregoing Warrant_____

at a legal Annual Town Meeting in Bethel on the first Monday in March A. D. 1800, at the Dwelling House of Capt. Amos Hastings the meeting opened_____Voted that Capt. Eli Twitchell be moderator to Regulate said Meeting_____ Then by a vote made choice of Benjamin Russell Town Clerk the ensuring year_____ Then by vote made choice of

Eli Twitchell	} Selectmen
Jesse Duston	
John Holt	

Then made choice of Jeremiah Andrews Town Treasurer the ensuring year_____ Then voted that the Collector of Taxes be him that will do it for the least sum _____ and bid off to Ensign Amos Gage at Eight Cents on the Dollar_____ Then voted that Ensign Amos Gage be Constable the ensuing year_____

Capt. Amos Hastings
Peregrine G. Bartlett
Josiah Bean
Richard Easts
Nathaniel Seager
Simeon Twitchell
John Russell
Eli Grover
Joseph G. Swan
James Grover

Chosen
Surveyers
of Highways

Benjamin Brown	} Seallears of Leather
Ezra Twitchell	

Capt Amos Hastings	} Hog- reavers
John Bean	
Isaac Adams	
Thomas Frost	

Voted that Capt. Eli Twitchell be Sealer of Weights and Measures the ensuing year.

Nathaniel Seager	} Surveyers of Lumber
Jonathan Clark	
Nathaniel Swan	

Benjamin Russell	} Fence Viewers
Nathaniel Greenwood	
Jonathan Bean	
Benjamin Clark	
Asa Kimball	

Charles Starnes	} Tythingmen
Aaron Barton	
John Elenwood	

York ss Bethel March 3rd 1800

Personly appeared the before named Town Officers and made oath to the faithfull discharge of their duties as the law directs
Before me Benjamin Russell Justice of the Peace

Then voted to Raise six hundred Dollars to Repair highways and Town ways the year ensuing—— Then voted to Raise two Hundred dollars to be appropaiated for the use of a school in said Bethel the ensuring year—— Then voted that one 100 Dollars be paid out for a Summer School and the hundred for a Winter School—— Then voted to pass over the ninth article in the Warrant—— then voted to choose a Committee of three Persons to divide the Mini(s)ter and the Ministry Rights and the School Right, then made choice of

John York	}	Committee
Eli Twitchell		
John Holt		

In regard to Samuel B. Locke's Mills, Voted that there be a Committee appointed to inspect said mills to see wheather said mills are in such a situation as that he has fulfilled the Contract on his part—— and make their report at April meeting—— made choice of

Mr. Eliphaz Chapman	}	Committee
Capt John Evans		

Eli Twitchell Moderator
a true entry Benjamin Russell, Town Clerk

Warrant

York ss To Amos Gage Constable of the Town of Bethel _____

Greeting _____

you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town of Bethel of twenty one years of age and upward, having a Freeholder Estate within the Commonwealth, of the annual Income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds _____ To meet at Capt. Amos Hastings in said Bethel on Monday the seventh day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor and Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth _____

Given under our hands and seals at said Bethel this twenty-second day of March A. A. 1800 _____

You are to make Return of this Warrant on or before said day

Eli Twitchell }
John Holt } Selectmen

In compliance with the above Warrant the male inhabitants of the Town of Bethel in the County of York and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution of said Commonwealth to vote for Governor and Lieut. Goveernor, Senators and Representatives _____ the said Meeting warned as the law Directs and holden this seventh day of April being the first Monday of said month A. D. 1800 _____ for the purpose of giving in their vote for governor & Lieut Governor of said Commonwealth and Senator for said County of York Votes for the following Persons were given in Counted and Sorted and declaration there of made as by said Constitution is directed _____ viz

Governor	Lieut Governor
Moses Gills votes 18	Elbridge Garrey 18
Senators	
Simon Frye	15 votes
Nathaniel Wells	16 votes
Esaz Bradberry	1 vote

Eli Twitchell }
John Holt } Selectmen

Attest Benjamin Russell Town Clerk

PLEASE RETURN TO THE
Bethel Historical Society
BETHEL, MAINE 04217

Warrant

To Amos Gage Constable for the Town of Bethel Greeting_____

you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in Town meeting Viz. such as pay to one Single tax besides the poll or polls a sum equal to a Single Poll tax to meet and assemble at the School house in the middle Intervale (so Called) on Wednesday the Thirteenth day of August next at two of the Clock afternoon to act on the following Articles viz. _____

1st to Choose a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting

2nd to See if the Town will be disposed to Choose a Surveyor or Surveyors to Build Alder River Bridge and rectify other bad Places in this Town if they think best _____

3rd to See what kind of Bridge Shall be built over Alder River or act anything respecting said Bridge as they shall agree _____

4th to See how much money Shall be laid out on said Bridge that was granted at our last annual Meeting for highways and make return of this Warrant with your doings preavious to said meeting

Given under our hands and seals this twenty fifth day of July A. D. 1800 _____

Eli Twitchell }
John Holt } Selectmen of
Bethel

In compliance with the above Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Bethel are assembled on this thirteenth day of August A. D. 1800 _____ for the purposes set forth in said Warrant _____ the meeting being opened made choice of Mr. Eliphas Chapman Moderator to govern said meeting _____ Then voted in favour of Building Alder River Bridge. Voted that Theodore Russell be the Surveyer to over see to the Building said Bridge _____ Then made Choice of Mr. Eliphas Chapman to see to Building said Bridge _____ Then made Choice of Phineas Haywood for one of the Committee _____ Voted to defer it to the Committee to say whether to go on this fall or not _____ Voted to Reserve three hundred Dollars to be laid out in Building said Brige _____ Eliphas Chapman Moderator

Attest John Holt Clerk Pro Tem _____

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To Amos Gage Constable for the town of Bethel

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants by law of said town by law qualified to vote in town meetings (viz) such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum Equal to a single Poll tax, to meet & assemble at the middle School House in Bethel, on Monday the Seventh Day of March, at Ten O'clock in the Morning, to act on the following Articles, (viz) in the first place to choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.

Secondly to choose a Town Clerk. _____

3rd Treasurer _____

4 to choose Constable, Collector & all other Officers that Towns are lawfully authorized to choose at thier annual meeting

5 to grant money to defray Town charges _____

6 to grant money for Schools _____

7 to see what method the town will take to settle with Mr. Samuel B. Locke respecting Building his Mills; choose a Committee or impower the old Committee to give him a lease; or act anything relative to the Mills when the Town is together that they shall think best _____

8 To give in thie votes for County Register & Treasurer.

Given under our hands & Seal this Fifteenth day of Febuary one thousand Eight Hundred & one

Eli Twitchell }
John Holt } Selectmen

In compliance with the foregoing Warrant the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town meeting Assembled at the time and place & for the purpose set forth in said Warrant, the Warrant being read & meeting opened accordingly

The following Votes were passed (viz)

- 1ly made chose of Deacon Ezra Twitchell Moderator
- 2 chose Timothy Carter Town Clerk _____
- 3 chose John Holt town Treasurer for the ensuing year _____
- 4 chose the following Selectmen

Eliphaz Chapman	}	Selectmen
Timothy Carter		
Phinehas Howard		

- 5 voted to Vendeu the collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder. Struck off to David Coffin at Six Cents on the Dollar & Then voted that the above Collector (viz) David Coffin should be Constable for the ensuing Year. _____

Abraham Russell & James Swan, Jr. approved for his bondsmen.

Then chose the Following Officers _____

Richard Estes	}	Surveyors of Lumber	Lieut. Jonathan Clark	}	Fence Viewers	
Jonas Willis			Nathaniel Swan			
Samuel Kimball			John York			
Peregreen Bartlett			Richard Estes	}		
John Holt			Rueben Bartlett			
Elisha Adams			Nathaniel Greenwood			
John Russell			}	Surveyors of Highways		}
Lieut Jonathan Clark						
Elijah Grover						
Theodore Russell						
Int. AmosGage						

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Brought forward

Joseph Greenwood }
 Nathan Adams } Tything
 Zela Holt } men

John Merrill }
 Benjamin Russell, Jr. } Field
 Isaac York } drivers

Deacon Ezra Twitcheall } Sealers of
 Benjamin Brown } Leather

Samuel Ayer }
 Peter York } Hog
 Calvin Twitchell } Constables
 Cyrus Twitchell }

Capt. Eli Twitchell } Sealer of
 weight &
 measure

The following votes were
 given in for County Register
 & Treasurer _____

Mr. William Fesenden 14 }
 Mr. William Russell 4 } County
 Register

Mr. William Frost 11 } County
 Treasurer

York ss. March 2nd 1801
 then Personally appeared the
 above officers & made

6ly voted to raise the following sums of money for the purpose
 here after mentioned (viz)

To be worked out on the highways the present year \$300.

For schooling 200.

voted that Each District shall lay out such part of their
 money for a Summer Schooling as they see fit _____

To defray Town charges

Sum Total 50.
 \$550.

carry over

Brought over

- 7 Voted to Except the following Road laid out by the selectmen for the Year Eighteen Hundred, laid out a road from the main Road that leads to Rumford to Job York's opening
- 8 Voted to fulfill the Contract with Samuel B. Locke respecting his building his mills _____
- 9 Voted to empower the ole committee to give said Locke a lease on his fulfilling the contract on his part. _____
- 10 Voted to desolve said meeting _____

Deacon Ezra Twitchell Moderator

A true copy Timothy Carter Town Clerk

Warrant 1801

To David Coffin Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting
 you are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said
 Town of Bethel of Twenty one years of Age & upwards, having a
 free hold Estate with the Commonwealth of the Annual income of
 three pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to
 meet at the Center School House in said Town, on Monday the
 Sixth day of April next, at one O'clock in the afternoon, to
 give in their votes, for Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators &
 Counselors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Firstly To choose the above officers. _____

2 ly To see if the Town will vote to confirm the School and
 to the limit of their own District so that they shall not go
 from one district to another to School without contracting with
 the district for the same.

3ly To see if the town is disposed to fell the School Land in
 said Town, & choose a Committee to fell the same if disposed to
 fill in.

Given under our Hand & Seals at said Bethel this twenty
 fifth day of March 1801

Eliphaz Chapman	}	Selectmen
Timothy Carter		
Phinenas Howard		

carried over

Brought over

In compliance with the foregoing Warrant Then all Inhabitants of said Town of Bethel qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators & Counsellors assembled at the time & place for the proposed set fourth in said Warrant

1ly Brought in their votes as Follows (viz) _____

For Governor	For Lieut Governor
Elbrige Gerry 42 votes	General Heath 39
Caleb Strong Esq 3 votes	Judge Philips 2
For Senator	2d Senator
John Lord Esq 26 votes	Judge Wills 24
S. Frye, Esq 3 votes	S. Frye, Esq 7

voted to not act on the two last articles in the Warrant. _____

voted to dissolve said meeting _____

Eliphaz Chapman Moderator
Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

Warrant June 8th 1801

To David Coffin Constable of the Town of Bethel

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Bethel qualified to vote for representative in the General Cort(sic) of said Commonwealth, (viz) the male Inhabitants of said Town being 21 years of age and resident in said Town for the sapce of one Year next preceeding having a free hold Estate within said town of the Annual income of three pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds, to assemble at the middle school House in said town, on Monday the 22 day of June instant — at three O'clock in afternoon, to give in their votes for a representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the third Eastern District

Given under our hands & Seals this Eighth day of June A.D. 1801.

And make return of the above Warrant with your doings thereon the Town Clerk on or before said Day.

Eliphaz Chapman	}	Selectmen
Timothy Carter		
Phineas Howard		

Agreeable to the above Warrant the Inhabitants assembled & voted as follows (viz)

For John Lord, Esq	42 votes
For Richard Cutts Esq	2 votes

Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

Warrant June 8th 1801

To David Coffin Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting
Your are hereby required in the name of Commonwealth of Mass-
achusetts To summon & notify the free holders and other inhab-
itants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings,
(viz) such as pay to one single pole Tax beside the Pole or Poles,
a sum equal to two thirds of a single pole tax, to assemble at
the middle school house in said town on Monday the 22 day of June
instant at 4 O'clock in the afternoon then & there to Act on the
following particlars (viz)

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
- 2" to see if the Town will propose & adopt any new method to
build Alder river Bridge; or vote to give any further instruc-
tions to the Committee appointed, to say when and upon what
construction said Bridge should be built & to act on that
affair as they shall then think proper — and make return
of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town clerk
on or before said day

Given under our hands & Seals this Eighth day of June A.D.
1801_____

Eliphaz Chapman	}	Selectmen
Timothy Carter		
Phineas Howard		

carried forward _____

Agreeable to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants assembled as
sat fourth in said Warrant and voted as follows (viz)

1ly Chose Mr. Eliphaz Chapman Moderator

2ly voted to choose the following said Committee men in addition
to the other 3 that were chosen to conduct the building
Alder river Bridge in 1800.

Capt Eli Twitchell	}	Committee
" Amos Hastings		
Jeremiah Andrews		
John Holt		

And for to examine the spot & devise a scheme or plan to build
said bridge & lay the same before the town at some legal meeting
of the Inhabitants of said Town for the purpose of Venduing
said Bridge to the lowest Bider.

Mr. Eliphaz Chapman Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

A Warrant July 20th 1801

To David Coffing Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mass-
achusetts, to notify & warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants
of said Town qualified by law to vote in town meetings (viz)
such as pay to one single Tax besides the pole or poles, a sum
equal to two thirds of a single pole tax, to meet and assemble
at the center school house in said town on Monday the 20 day
of July next at three O'clock in the afternoon, to act on the
following articles (viz)

- 1ly To chose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.
- 2 " To see if the town will vote to build Alder River Bridge
according the of mode or plan draifed by the Committee
appointed & or than purpose, which mode or plan will be
laid before the town on said day. _____
- 3 " To see if the town will vote to vendue Alder R. Bridge to
the lowest bider (on said day) to be built by him upon a
certain stipulated construction and to act on their affairs

- as the town shall then think proper. _____
- 4ly To see if the town will vote to raise Money sufficient to pay for the building said Bridge.
- 5 " And if the town votes to raise Money sufficient to build said Bridge, to see if the town will also vote to omit the assesment of the highway tax granted on the last annual meeting until the next year. _____
- 6 " To see the Town will vote that the selectmen shall recall the lists from the surveyors of the last year and order that part of the tax reserved for to be laid out upon said Bridge, to be worked out upon the highways the present year where it shall appear to be most needed. _____
- 7 " To see if the town will vote to give particular instructions to the Committee appointed to settle with Samuel B. Locke relative to their deeding away

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to the said Locke apart of the school lot in consequence of the said Locke's building mills on Sunday River, etc.

And make return of your doings thereon and Warrant to the town Clerk on or before said day.

Given under our hands & Seals this 30 day of June 1801 _____

Eliphaz Chapman

Timothy Carter

Phineas Howard

} Selectmen

Conformable to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants assembled and passed the following votes. _____ (viz)

- 1ly Chose Lieut Jonathan Clarke Moderator
- 2" voted to have Alder River Bridge built on the plan devised by the Committee chosen for that purposed.
- 3" voted to vendue said Bridge to the lowest Bider.
- 4" voted that all the Timber & other materials abot(sic) the old Bridge together with all the new Timber should be the property of the builder of said Bridge.

- 5ly voted to have said Bridge finished by the last Day of Oct.
 next — said Bridge struck off to Capt Eliazer for \$94. —
 Dollars.
- 6" voted to raise \$100 to defray the cost of building said
 Bridge & collecting the same & not to omit this year's
 Highway taxes.
- 7" voted than the Committee that devised the plan of said Bridge
 should give Capt Twitchell instruction respecting building
 said Bridge, examine & excepting the same when accomplished.
- 8" voted that the Selectmen should call the last years Highway
 Tax bills from the Surveyors & that they order the part re-
 served to be worked out on said

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- Alder River Bridge (that is behind) when they should think
 best
- 9" voted to have the Committee that are appointed to settle
 with Samuel B. Locke about his mills & giving a lease of
 said school land consult with the Selectmen about giving a
 Lease ———
- 10" voted to desolve said meeting ———

Lieut Jonathan Clark Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

Oct 5th 1801

Division

of the Company of Malitia in the Town of Bethel, done by order
 of the Commander in Chief of this Brigade ——— And be it remem-
 bered that on the fifth day of October in the year of our Lord
 Eighteen Hundred & one, the Company of Malitia was divided upon
 the Pari sh line as will appear in the incorporation of said
 Town all in the west Parish to form a Company & all in the East
 Parish to form a Comapny of Malitia. Each by themselves. ———

Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

A Warrant Nov. 19th 1801

To Lt. David Coffin Constable of the Town of Bethel

You are hereby required, ~~in~~ the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel, duly qualified to vote for representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth (viz) the male inhabitants of said town being 21 years of age and resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceeding haveing a free hold Estate within said Town of the Annual income of three pounds; or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds. To Essemble at the center school-House in said Town on Monday the 7th day of December next, being the first Monday in said month, at one O'clock P.M. — to give in their votes for a representative of the people of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States, for the 3 Eastern District.

You are also hereby required, as above to notify and warn all the free holders and other inhabitants of said Town of Bethel, qualified to vote in town meetings, to assemble at the center schoolhouse in said town on Monday the 7 day of December — next at two o'Clock in the afternoon.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2nd To see if the Town will vote to choose an

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agent or committee to settle with the builders or under takers
of the several school houses in said town, and to act on this
affair as the town shall think proper.

3rd To see if the town will vote to choose an Agent to defend
an Action commenced or a complaint made against the Town in
consequence of bad roads, etc. And to act on that affair as the
town shall think proper.

Given under our hands & seal this 19 day of Nov. 1801 _____

Eliphaz Chapman }
Timothy Carter } Selectmen

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants assembled at
the time and place set fourth in the Warrant & for the purposes
therein mentioned, the Warrant being read, the meeting was opened
& adjoured to Capt. Hasting's for fifteen minutes; at the time of
adjournment, the following votes were passed (viz)

John Lord, Esq	10 votes
Richard Cutts, Esq	3 "

Town Meeting

Chose Benjamin Russell Esq Moderator of said meeting

1ly Voted to choose three Committee men.

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2nd made choice of the three following for a committee to settle
with the builders of the several schoolhouses in this town

(viz)	Timothy Carter	} Committee
	Lieut Jonathan Clark	
	John York	

3rd Voted to choose an Agent to defend the town in the Action
commenced in consequence of bad roads. _____

4th Chose Benjamin Russell Esq Agent for the above purpose.

Benjamin Russell Moderator
Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

A Warrant March 1st 1802

To Lt. David Coffin Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon and notify the free holders and other inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town meetings (viz) such as pay to one single tax besides the Pole or Polls, a sum equal to two thirds of a single poll tax, to assemble at the Center school House in said Bethel on the first day of March next being the first Monday in said Month at ten O'clock in the forenoon to Act on the following articles (viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2d To choose a Clerk.
- 3d To choose Selectmen.
- 4th To choose Treasurer.
- 5th To choose such other Officers as the Law directs.
- 6th To choose a Constable.
- 7th To see how much Money the Town will vote to raise to Support Schools the ensuing year.
- 8th To see how much Money the Town will vote to raise to repair the highways in said Town the ensuing year.
- 9th To see how much Money the Town will vote to raise to defray town charges the ensuing year.
- 10th To see if the Town will to except the several School Houses in said Town upon the report of the Committee appointed to settle with the under takers or builders of the same.

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- 11th To choose a County Treasurer
- 12th To see if the Town will vote to choose a Committee to visit and inspect Schools the ensuing year.

Given under our hand and seal this tenth day of February
A.D. 1802.

Eliphaz Chapman

Timothy Carter

} Selectmen of Bethel

Bethel February 13th 1802 pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have notified & summoned the free holders and other inhabitants of the Town of Bethel to meet at the time and place mentioned in the Warrant according to Law.

David Coffin Constable

Persuant to the foregoing Warrant, for calling an annual March meeting — After reading the Warrant the meeting was opened, and the following votes were passed (viz)

- 1ly Choose Mr. Eliphaz Chapman Moderator.
- 2ly Choose Timothy Carter Town Clerk.
- 3ly Choose Mr. John Holt Town Treasurer.
- 4ly Choose the following Selectmen and Assessors.

(viz) Capt Eli Twitchell

John York

John Holt

Selectmen
and Assessors
of Bethel

- 5ly Voted to vendeu the collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder.—Struck off to Mr. Moses Mason he being the lowest bidder therefor, at six cents upon the Dollar, the following persons appeared

turn over

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for his Condsman(sic)(viz) Samuel B. Locke and Theodore Russell. Then choose the aforesaid Moses Mason Constable for the ensuing year.

A List of Officers

1ly

Richard Estes

John York

James Swan, Jr.

Theodore Russell

Capt Eli Twitchell

Joseph Wheeler

Simon Twitchell

Thomas Stearns

Thomas Frost

Highway
Surveyors

2ly

John York

Lt. Jonathan Clark

John Kilgore, Jr.

Surveyors
of
Lumber

3ly

Asa Kimball, Jr.

Capt Amos Hastings

Samuel Gage

Charles Stearns

Lt. Moses Bartlett

Fence
Viewers

Peregrien Bartlett }
 Eli Grover } Highway
 Jonas Willis } Surveyors

4ly

John Holt }
 Jeremiah Andrews } Field
 Moses Mason } Drivers

5ly

Benjamin Brown }
 Joseph Greenwood } Tything
 men

6ly

Benjamin Brown }
 Deason Ezra Twitchell } Sealers of
 Leather

7ly

Capt Eli Twitchell

Sealer of weights

& measures.

8ly

James Swan, 3d

Jonathan Powers

Amos Bean

Amos Twitchell

Hog

Constables

York ss. March 1st 1802 Per-
 sonally appeared the mentioned
 Town Officers and took the
 several Oaths required by law.
 before

Benjamin Russell Jes. P.

9ly Monies voted by the	
for Highways	\$400.
for Schooling	\$250.
for Town Charges	<u>\$150.</u>
	\$800.

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10ly Voted to except the several School Houses in this town in
 their present state as reported by a Committee chosen for to
 settle with builders of the same.

11ly The following votes were given for a County Treasurer (viz)
 for William Frost 27 votes.

12ly Choose the following Person for a Committee to visit and
 inspect Schools the ensuing Years

(viz) Timothy Carter

Eliphaz Chapman

Deacon Ezra Twitchell

School

Committee

Mr. Eliphaz Chapman Moderator

A true record Timothy Carter Clerk

A Warrant March 10th 1802

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts, to warn the male inhabitants of the said town of Bethel, of twenty one Years of age and upward, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three Pounds or any Estate, to the value of sixty Pounds to meet at the Center School-House on Monday the fifth day of April next at one O'clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for

50 Governor, Lt. Governor, Senators & Counsellors, agreeable to the 50 Constitution of the Commonwealth.

2ly To see wheather the town will establish Ferries across Androscoggin River in said town, and prefix the prices of the same, and ask any thing relative to the same, when met they shall think best.

Given under han & seal this tenth day of March 1802.

Eli Twitchell	}	Selectmen of Bethel
John York		

Bethel 5th 1802 April pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town as the foregoing Warrant expressed, to meet at the time and place & for the purpose therein sit fourth as the Law directs.

Moses Mason Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the following votes were passed (viz)

For Governor	{ Elbridge Gerry Esq	24 votes
	{ Caleb Strong Esq	16 "
Lt. Governor	{ Edward Robbins Esq	20 "
	{ General Heath	16 "
Senators	{ John Woodman	16 "
	{ Richard Cutts Esq	17 "
	{ William Fesendon	3 "
	{ Judge Wills	3 "

1ly Chose Capt. Eli Twitchell Moderator

2d voted to have the Selectmen say when the Ferries across Anderscogin River in said Town shall be kept.

3d voted that the following sums should be paid to the Ferryman for his trouble by the Person carried over the said River (viz) 17 cents for a Cart, one Yoke of Oxen and Man.

9 Cents for a Man & Yoke of Oxen.
 6 Cents for a Man & Horse.
 3 Cents for a Single Man.

Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

A Warrant August 8th 1802

To Moses Mason Constable for the town of Bethel Greeting
 You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the qualified voters in town meetings, to meet & assemble at the center school-House in Bethel on Thursday the 19 the Instant at 5 O'clock in the afternoon, to Act on the following Articles (viz)

1ly To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.

2ly to see if the town will send an agent to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden at Waterborough Instant August to defend the town against an action commenced in consequence of bad roads in Bethel, carried over

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Given under our hand and seals this Eighth day of August
 A. D. 1802.

Eli Twitchell
 John Holt

} Selectmen

Persuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants assembled at the time, Place & for the purposes set fourth in the Warrant & passed the following votes (viz)

1st choose Capt. Eli Twitchell Moderator _____
 2 choose Mr. Josiah Bean, Agent to defend the town aganist an Action commenced aganist said town in consequence of bad roads. _____

Capt. Eli Twitchell Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter

A Warrant March 7th 1803

To Moses Mason Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting
 You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town meeting (viz) Such as pay to one single tax besides the Pole or Polls, a sum equal to a single Poll tax, to meet & assemble at the cent School House, on Monday the seventh day of March at ten O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (viz) _____

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
- 2" To a town clerk _____
- 3" To choose a Town Treasurer. _____
- 4" To choose Selectmen.
- 5" To choose such other Town Officers as the town shall think best or the law directs.
- 6" To see what sum of Money the town will raise to support Schools this year & defray town charges.
- 7" To raise Money to repair Highways.
- 8" To see if the town will build any more School-Houses, and if so to raise money to build the same, and likewise choose a committee to build the same, if the town shall think proper.
- 9" To if the town will lease out the school-land that ley on Sunday River, one year or more to the highest bidder. _____

carried over

Brought over

10th to choose a committee to request off any Person or Persons,
that have taken possession of any said school-land or Act on
that matter as they shall think best when met.

And make return of this warrant with your doings thereon previous
to said time of meeting.

Given under our hands & seals this

24 day of January Eighteen hundred & three _____

Eli Twitchell

John York

John Holt

} Selectmen

Bethel March 7th 1803

Persuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the
Inhabitants of said Town quallified as therein expressed to
assemble at the time & place, & for the purposes within mentioned.

Moses Mason Constable

Persuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants met at the
time and Place & for the purposes therein set fourth, & passed
the following votes (viz) _____

1ly Choose Eli Twitchell Moderator of said meeting.

2" Choose Timothy Carter Clerk _____

3" Choose Lt. John Holt Town Treasurer.

4" Choose

Eli Twit

Nathan Adams

Lt. John Holt

} Selectmen

&

} Assessors

5 Voted to vendue the collection of Taxes this year to the lowest bidder, Struck off to Mr. Amos Bean for 6 cents on the Dollar for collection—Mr. Jeremiah Andrews & Mr. Thaddeus Bartlett approved for his bondsmen on the same 7 voted said it. Bean is Constable for the ensuing year.

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Richard Estes
Samuel Kimball
Jonah Powers
Peregrien Bartlett
Rueben Bartlett
Theodore Russell
Lt. Jonathan Clark
Lt. Amos Gage
Jedadiah Grover
Simeon Twitchell
Eli Twitchell Esq
Ebenezer Eames

Highway Surveyors

9ly Eliphaz Chapman
Luther Bean
Rueben Bartlett

Field Drivers

10" Deacon Ezra Twitchell
Lt. Nathaniel Segar

Tything men Sealers

11" Benjamin Brown
Deacon E. Twitchell

Leather of Sealers

12 Eli Twitchell, Esq
Sealer of weights & measures

7" Samuel Kimball
Nathaniel Swan
John Kilgore, Jr.
Lt. Jonathan Clark

Surveyors of Lumber

13 James Walker
Ezra Twitchell Jr.
Luther Bean
Benjamin Bean
William Belnap

Hog Constables

8" Jonathan Bean
John Kilgore, Jr.
Issac York

Fence viewers

The above named officers Personally appeared & made oath to the faithful discharge of their trust before me. Eli Twitchell Justice of the Peace.

Brought over

- 14ly to pass over the sixth article in said Warrant.
- 15" voted to raise six Hundred Dollars to be laid out in work on the highways this year.
- 16" voted to pass over the eighth article.
- 17" voted to set up the Sugar Privileges on the School land to the highest bidder, the rents of which is to be paid on or before next March meeting.—— the privilege of Sugaring on the south side of Sunday River to Lt. John Russell for \$2.-- East side of said River to Mr. John Merrill for \$2.19.
- 18" voted to choose a Committee to look into the situation & circumstances of the School land & make report to the town at April meeting, made choise of the following Committee.
- Eli Twitchell
Timothy Carter
Lt. Jonathan Clark
- } Committee
- 19" voted to execpt Mr. Josiah Bean's account.
- 20" voted to adjourn said meeting to the first Monday in April next at 5 O'clock in the afternoon at the centre School House.

Eli Twitchell Esq. Moderator
Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

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Bethel March 15th 1803 a Warrant

To Amos Bean Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mass. -
achusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the said
Town of Bethel, of twenty one years of age and upwards, having
freehold Estate, within the Commonwealth of the anual income of
three Pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty Pounds, to meet
at the centre School House in Bethel, on Monday the 4th day of
April next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their
votes for Governor, Lt. Governor & Senators & Counsellors agree-
able to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Likewise you are required by the authority aforesaid, to
warn all the inhabitants of said Town quallified as the law directs
to vote in Town meeting, to meet as above at the time & Place.
To act on the following articles.

- 1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.
- 2ly To see if the Town will choose a Committee to divide & sit off the town into school districts & act thereon as the town shall see fit when meet.
- 3ly To see if the town will choose a Committee to support and regulate schools this year.
- 4ly To see if the Town will grant to Establish ferris that have been laid out, Turn over

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to every any Person that will apear to tend the same.

- 5ly To give in their votes for County Treasurer.
- 6" To see when the Town will have the Books, which the general Court have sent this town by Capt. Eli Twitchell.

Given under our hand & seal this fifteenth day of March 1803.

Eli Twitchell

Nathan Adams

John Holt

Selectmen

Pursuant to the written Warrant I have Summoned & notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned.

Amos Bean Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants, assembled at the time & Place & for the purpose therein expressed and passed the following votes(viz).

votes given in for Governor etc.

Caleb Strong Esq. Governor	32 votes
E.H. Robbins Esq. for Lt. Governor	32 "
John Woodman " " Senator	27 "
William FerendonEsq for Senator	13 "

Mr. Mellen Esq. for Senator	11 votes
Simeon Frye " " "	2 "
John Lord " " "	1 "

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2ly voted to choose a Committee to district the Town of Bethel into School districts, and made choice of the following (viz)

Timothy Carter	}	Committee
Jeremiah Andrews		
Lt. Amos Gage		

made choice of the following School Committee to inspect & regulate the same.

Timothy Carter	}	School Committee
Eliphaz Chapman		
<u>Nathan Adams</u>		

voted to grant the Privilege of the three Ferries that have been established in this town (viz) one aganist Mr. Jesse Duston, one aganist Lt. John Russell & one aganist Mr. Samuel Barker, as shall appear, and give sufficient Bonds to the selectmen, to keep a Boat in good repair and pay every need full attencance to the same, untill there be a bridge built over said river in Bethel aforesaid.

voted raise the following sums of money.

for the support of Schools	\$250.--
to defray town charges	100.--

voted not to build any more school Houses this year.

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votes for County Treasurer

William Frost	18 votes
Savage	3 "

voted to choose an Agant to reject off any Person or Persons who have taken Possision of any of the school lands belonging to this town.

made choice of Eli Twitchell Esq. Agent for the above purpose.

Eli Twitchell Esq Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

A Warrant June 27th. 1803

To Amos Bean Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town quallified by law to vote in Town meeting (viz) such as pay to one single Tax bisides the Polls a sum equal to a single Poll Tax to meet and assemble at the Centre School House in Bethel, on Tuesday at three O' clock in the afternoon the twelfth day of July 1803 to act on the following articles.

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(viz) first to choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting. Secondly to hear the report of a Committee, who were chosen to lay out the town of Bethel into School districts, and to establish the same if they shall see fit; or act any thing relative thereto, when met they may think proper.

Given under our hand & seals this 27 day of June 1803.

Eli Twitchell	}	Selectmen of Bethel
John Holt		
Nathan Adams		

Pursuant to the written Warrant, I have summoned & notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as therein expressed to Assemble at the time and place and for the Purpose within named.

Amos Bean Constable

July 12th 1803

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel, assembled at the time and Place, and for the purposes

therein mentioned and Passed the following votes (viz).

1st Chose Eli Twitchell, Esq. Moderator.

2ly Choose John Holt Clerk ProTempor.

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3ly voted to except the report of a Committee that were chosen to lay the town of Bethel into school districts, and establish, define & limit the school districts in said town as set fourth in the following Report of said Committee, (viz).

June 23rd 1803

The Report of the before mentioned Committee is as follows (viz). beginning at the east end of said town, taking the lot line between the 6 & 7 lots running another line till it comes to the 6 Intervale lots, and dividing said lot on the line between Mr. John York's Land & Mr. Joseph Ayer's land until it comes to the River, thence crossing Androsggin River & taking Mr. Jonas Willis' lower Intervale line, and on that line to the Town line— all the land east of this line to make the first district. Secondly taking the lot line between the 12 & 13 lots & running on that line across the town All between this line and the line that seperates the first district to make the 2nd district. Thirdly beginning at the south eastly cornor of the 13 lot in the 6 Range, thence running westerly on the Range line till it strikes the great River (only leaving the Places that Mr. Peter Adley and Simeon Sanborn now lived on to belong to the 4th district) thence down said River untill it gits aganist Mr. John Merrill's upper line, then crossing said River and

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following Mr. J. Merrill's upper line, to the line that seperates the 17 & 18 lots following that line to the Town line, including all between this line & the line that seperates the second district to make the 3d district.—— fourthly taking the line that divides the 24 & 25 lots, running to the Curve

line that of the Intervale against the 37 Intervale lot, then turning & following that line the curve line to the line that divides the 38 & 39 Intervale lots turning & following that line to the River crossing said River (including the great Island) to Mr. E. Chapman's upper line of the 19 lot north side, thence running so as to strike the lot line between lots 21 & 22 following that line to the town line, including all the land between this line & the line that divides the 3d district, is to make the 4th district ——— fiftly begining at the south westerly cornor of the 38 Intervale lot thence following the Curve line to the 5th Range line, following that line to the Town line, all the land between this line & the line that divides the fourth district is to make 5th district. Sixthly and all the land to the south to make the 6th district--With all the Inhabitants in each district to constitue the several Districts.

Timothy Carter

Jeremiah Andrews

Amost Gage

} Committee

Attest Record

Timothy Carter Town Clerk

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To Amos Bean Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the free holders & other Inhabitants of said town, quallified by law to vote in Town meetings (viz) such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax, to meet & assemble at Cap Amos Hastings, on Wednesday the fourteenth day of December instant, at one of the clock in the afternoon, to Act on the following articles (viz).

1ly To choose a moderator to regulate said metting.

Secondly To take into consideration a circular Letter, from

Paris respecting forming a convention, to set in ^{Paris} to consult upon measures, for forming a new County in the northerly Part of Cumberland and York, Wednesday the 21 of December Instant.

3ly To see wheather the town will send a delegate to set in convention as fourth above — And if they do to choose to a man. And you are to make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at or before said day.

Given under our hand & seal this sixth day of December 1803.

Eli Twitchell

John Holt

Selectmen of Bethel

Bethel December 14th 1803

Pursuant to the fore going Warrant, the Inhabitants assembled at the time and Place and for the purposes set fourth, and passed the following votes (Viz)——

- 1st Choose Eli Twitchell moderator of said meeting.
- 2ly Voted to send a delegate to set in convention at Nathan Woodbury's in Paris on Wedensday the 21 day of December Instant, to take into consideration the expediency of forming a new County.
- 3ly Choose Dr. Timothy Carter delegate for the above purpose. by ballot.
- 4ly Voted in favor of Petioning the legislature for a new County.
- 5ly Given the deligate the following directions (viz) to ask for Norway to be the Shire or Bethel and Norway to be half shires — And for them to act on that matter when not as he may think Proper when convened.

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk
of Bethel

York ss. To Amos Bean Constable of the Town of Bethel. Greeting. _____

A Warrant February 16th 1804

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Bethel quallified by Law to vote in town meetings (Viz) such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Poles, a sum Equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and assemble at the third or middle Intervale School House, on Monday, the fifth day of March 1804 at ten O'Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.
- 2ly To choose a Town Clerk. _____
- 3ly To choose a Town Treasurer.
- 4ly To choose such Other Town Officers as the law directs; or as they may think best.
- 5ly To see what sum of Money the town will raise for the support of Schools the ensuring year.
- 6ly To what sum of Money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuring year.
- 7ly To see what sum of Money the town will raise to repair Highways the ensuing Year.
- 8ly To see if the town will raise Money to build any more School-Houses, & choose a Committe to cary out the same.

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10ly To see if the town are disposed to sell the School-Right of land; or whether, they will Lease the whole of the Publick lands, and choose a Committee for that purpose. _____

11ly To see if the town will hear the requests of Seven Aggreived Persons, and set them off into a seperate district themselves (Viz)

Gedeon Powers

Silas Powers

Moses Bartlett

Jonathan Powers

Nathaniel Segar

Jonas Willis

and you are to make return of this Warrant priveous to the time of said meeting. _____

Given under our hand & seal this sixteenth day of February 1804. _____

Nathan Adams
John Holt

}

Selectmen

Bethel February 20th 1804

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of said town quallified, as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein mentioned.

Amos Bean Constable.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the male Inhabitants of Bethel aforesaid, Assembled at the time and place, and for the purposes set fourth in said Warrant and passed the following votes. (Viz)

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- 1ly Chose Lt. Jonathan Clark moderator to regulate said meeting.
- 2ly Chose Timothy Carter town clerk.
- 3ly Chose Capt. John Holt town treasurer.
- 4ly Chose the following Selectmen & assessors. (Viz) _____

Eli Twitchell Esq.

Capt. John Holt

Lt. Asa Kimball, Jr.

5ly voted to set up the collecrion of taxes to the lowest bider - Struck off to Amos Bean, for four cents on the dollar for collecting. Lt. Moses Bartlett & Mr. Thaddeous Bartlett, came forward in town meeting, and acknowledged themselves Mr. Bean's bondsman to the town then chose the said Bean Constable for the ensuing year. _____

6ly Voted to give the surveyers of Highway Power to remove recumbrances in their limited discretion. _____

Nathan Adams

Timothy Bean

Peregreen Bartlett

James Walker _____

Theodore Russell _____

Eli Twitchell, Esq.

Int.? Cyrus Twitchell

Eli Grover

Jedidiah Grover

Solomon Annis

were chosen Highway Sur-

veyors for the ensuing

year. All sworn into

office as the law directs.

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Capt John Holt

Lt. Jonathan Clark

Nathaneal Swan

Chosen Serveyors

of lumber

Capt Eleazor Twitchell

Benjamin Brown /

Chosen Tything men

Nathanial Greenwood
Amos Bean
Lt. John Russell
chosen Fence viewers

Benjamin Brown
Deacon Ezra Twitchell
chosen sealers of Leather

Isaac Town
John Kilgore, Jr.
Samuel Kimball
chosen Field drivers

Eli Twitchell Esq.
chosen sealer of weights
& measures.

The several officers here
numerated Personly appeared
(except those that have a
mark at the end of their
names) and took the Oath
for the faithful discharge

Capt. John Swan
Jesse Cross /
Peter Twitchell
Joshua Roberts /
Damiel Grout /
chosen Hog Constables

of the duties of their several offices before me Eli Twitchell
Justice of the Peace & Timothy
Carter Clerk.

7ly Voted that no Master or Mi(ss)tress shall be admitted to
keep a school the ensuing year without being approbated as the
law directs.

8ly Voted to raise 200\$ for the support of Schools this year.
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9ly Voted to except Esq. Twitchell's amount.

10th Voted to raise \$100 to defray town charges.

11th Voted to raise \$600 to make & repair Highways.

12 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April
next at three O'Clock in the after noon at this place.

Lt. Jonathan Clark Moderator
Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

A Warrant March 17th 1804

To Amos Bean Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting _____

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town of Bethel of twenty one years of age and upward, having free hold Estate within the Commonwealth of the Annual Income of three Pounds or any other Estate to the Value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the Centre School House, in Bethel on Monday the Second day of April next at one O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz). _____

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1ly To give in their votes for Govenor, Lieut Govenor, Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. _____

2ly To give in their votes for County Treasurer. _____

Given under our hand this 17th day of March A.D.

1804. _____ John Holt
Eli Twitchell } Selectmen

For Govenor

James Sullivan Esq	44 Votes
Caleb Strong Esq	21 "

For Lt. Gov.

William Heath Esq	42 "
E. H. Robbins Esq	23 "

Senators {	John Woodman Esq	45 "
	Joseph Bartlett Esq	45 "
	John Lord Esq	17 "
	Simeon Frye Esq	11 "
	Printiss Miller Esq	6 "

For County Treasurer

William Frost Esq 14 Votes

Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk. _____

A Warrant May 2nd 1804

To Amos Bean Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the span of one year next preceeding having a free hold Estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds; or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the Center School House on Friday the Eleventh day of May next at three O'Clock in the afternoon for the purspose of choosing a deligate to set in convention at Paris, the fifteenth day of this present month as set fourth in the letter annexed to the Warrant.

- 1ly To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2ly To see if the town will vote to have a Road laid out from Capt. John Swan's to where Mr. Donald ^{David} Blake proposes to build Mills on Alder River and from there to the lower end of this town.
- 3d To choose a Committee to lay out said Road & make the same.
- 4ly To grant Money to be laid out in making a Road to & from said Mills.

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Given under our hand and seals this Second day of May A. D. 1804.

Eli Twichell

John Holt

Selectmen.

Bethel May 3d. 1804

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Sumoned and notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein Expressed to Assemble at the time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned.

Amos Bean Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel, met at the time and place & for the purposes set fourth in said Warrant, and passed the following Votes. (Viz).

- 1ly Chose Lt. Jonathan Clark Moderator. _____
- 2ly Voted not to send any deligate to the Convention to be holden at Paris. _____
- 3d Voted to choose a Committee to write to the Convention.
- 4ly Made chair of the following Committee (Viz). Timothy Carter, Eli Twitchell, Esq., Deacon Twitchell to write as before said.

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5ly Voted to have the Committee write in favor of the formation of New County upon the prossal that was made at the Convention that was held at Paris in December last past. _____

6ly Voted to have a Road laid out from Mr. Solomon Anis to Mr. David Blake's Mill privilize. _____

7 Voted to have the Selectmen Bush out said road at their discession. _____

8ly Voted to pass over that part of the Laying out a Road from Capt. John Swan's to the lower end of town.

9ly Voted not to raise any money to make said Road. _____

Lt. Jonathan Clark Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk.

A Warrant

Oct 17th 1804

To Amos Bean Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting.
You are hereby required, in obedience to a resolve of the General Court of this Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed June 14th 1804. _____

To call town meetings for choosing Electors of President & vice President of the United States, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the

continued. _____

Male Inhabitants of the town of Bethel, that are of quallified by law to vote for a Representative of this Commonwealth to meet & Assemble at the Center School House in Bethel afore said on Monday the fifth day of November next at 10 O'clock in the forenoon; to give in their votes to the Selectmen who shall preside at said meeting for Nineteen Electors of President & Vice President of the United States, quallified according to the Constitution thereof, whose Names shall all be borne on one Ticket and Such ticket Shall contain the name of ~~at~~ least one Inhabitant of Each district for choosing Representative to Congress of the United States Established by a law passed March 10th 1802. And further to give in their votes for a member to Congress, likewise you are required to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said town quallified to vote in town meetings, to meet as afore said to Act on the following articles (viz)

1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2ly See if the town will raise Money to purchase millitary Store for this town. _____

3d To see if the town will pay for cutting out the road to Mr. David Blake's Mill Spot on Alder River. _____

And make return of this warrant on or before said time of meeting

Given under our hands & seals at Bethel Oct. 17th A. D. 1804

Eli Twitchell

John Holt

Asa Kimball

} Selectmen

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Bethel Oct. 19th 1804

Parusant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein Expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Amos Bean Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants met at the time & place & for the purpose set fourth in said warrant.

Federal Ticket 15 votes

Republican " 117 "

Federal Representative

William Daniel Cleaver 47 votes

Likewise at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel of the time and place above and passed the following votes (Viz).

- 1 Voted that Eli Twitchell Esq. be Moderator.
- 2ly Voted the Rev. Daniel Gould Clerk protim.
- 3 Voted to raise \$100 dollars to be laid out in purchasing Millitary Stores. _____
- 4ly Voted not to raise any money to make Road.

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Esq Twitchell Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk. _____

A Warrant Dec. 22nd 1804

To Amos Bean Constable of Bethel. Greeting. _____
 You are hereby required in the names of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote in town meetings (Viz). Such as pay a tax equal to one single Poll tax, to meet at the center School in Bethel, on Saturday the twentyth day of

December Instant. At one O'clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles (Viz).

- 1ly To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2ly To hear the report of the General Court & Court of Sessions for the County Cub.
- 3ly To see if the town will give in their votes in favor of forming a new County according to a Petition now before the legislator of this Commonwealth.

Given under my Hand and seal this 22d day of December 1804. _____

John Holt
Asa Kimball

} Selectmen

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continued. _____

Pursuant to the written Warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place and for the within purposes mentioned.

Amos Bean Constable. _____

Bethel Dec. 22th 1804. _____

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants met at the time and place and for the purposes therein set forth & passed the following votes (Viz). _____

- 1ly Choose J. Andrews Moderator of said meeting.
- 2ly Voted in favor of forming a new county.

Jeremiah Andrews moderator
Timothy Carter town Clerk

A Warrant Febuary 8th 1805

To Amos Bean Constable of the town of Bethel. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Bethel Quallified by law to Vote in town meeting (Viz) such as pay a tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum Equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax to meet and assemble at the Center school House in Bethel on Monday the 4th day of March next, by 10 O clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (Viz). _____

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2ly To choose a town Clerk for the insuing year.
- 3d To choose a town Treasurer. _____
- 4th To choose Selectmen.
- 5ly To choose all such Other Officers as towns are required by law to choose in Mar. or April.
- 6ly To Raise money to defray town charges & repair Highways in said Town. _____
- 7ly To choose a School Committee for the year. _____
- 8ly To see if the town are disposed to sell or Lease out the School Land in said town or any part of it.
- 9ly To choose a Committee or Agent to take care of and Prosecute any Person or Persons that may trespass on any of said School Land and to hear any propositions that any Person

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may make concerning said School Land.

- 10ly To choose any Committee or Agent the town may think necessary when met. _____

And make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at or before said time of meeting given under our hands & Seals this Eight day of Feb. A. D. 1805.

Eli Twitchell	}	Selectmen of Bethel
John Holt		
Asa Kimball		

Bethel Feb. 18th 1805

Pursuant to the written Warrant I have summoned & notified the male Inhabitants of the town of Bethel quallied by law to vote in town meeting to meet at the time & Place & for the purpose therein mentioned.

Amos Bean Constable

Bethel March 4th 1805

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the male Inhabitants of said town meet at the time & place & passed the following Votes (viz).
 1ly Made choice of Eli Twitchell Esq. moderator of said meeting.

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2ly made choice of Timothy Carter Clerk.
 3ly made choice of the following Selectmen & assessors (viz).
 made choice of Capt Eli Twitchell Esq.
 John Holt Treasurer Capt. John Holt
 for the year ensuing. Lt. Asa Kimball

The collection of taxes struck off to Samuel B. Lock at 4 cents on the dollar. Mr. Theodore Russell & Mr. Reuben Bartlett appeared for his bondsmen & were Eccepted by the town said Lock was chosen by the town Constable.

a list of Highway
 Surveyors (viz)

- Amos Bean
- Samuel Kimball
- Capt. John Holt
- Theodore Russell
- Daniel Grant
- Paul Morse

Amos Gage
 Peregrine Bartlett

- Moses Mason

voted to give the
 Surveyors Power
 to remove incum-

Surveyors of Lumber

Nathaniel Swan

John Kilgore Jr.

Lt. Jonathan Clark

Tythingmen

- Solomon Anis

- Moses Mason

Fence Viewers

Amos Hill

Capt. John Holt

Sealers of Leather

Dea. E. Twitchell

berences at their dis-
cressions.

Benjamin Brown

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Field drivers

Jeremiah Andrews

James Walker

Josiah Bean

Hog Constables

Abraham Russell

• Ebenezer Bean

Jedadiah Burbank

Isaac Spofford

Joseph Twitchell

All the before mentioned

Officers that have a
dot prefixed to their names.

Personally appeared

and took their Oath as
the law requires before

Eli Twitchell Esq. & Timothy
Carter Clerk.

Voted to raise the foll-
owing sum of Money to
be worked out on the
highway ____ \$600. to
defray town charges
this year ____ \$150.

for the support of
Schools ____ \$200.

voted to have the school
money Equally divided in
the summer & winter.

Also voted to have the
Money divided by the number
of scholars. Chose the
following School Committee
(Viz) Timothy Carter

James Walker

Eliphaz Chapman

Voted that no Master or Mistress shall keep a public School
in this town with out being approbated as the law directs, on
pain of forfeiting their wages. _____

voted to adjourn this meeting to April month.

Eli Twitchell Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter town clerk

Warrant March 12th 1805. _____

To Samuel B. Lock Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said
town of Bethel, of twenty one years of Age & upwards, having a
free hold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of
three pounds; or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to
meet at the Center School House in Bethel aforesaid on Monday
the first day of April next at one O'clock in the afternoon to
give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor, & Senators
agreeable to Constitution of said Commonwealth. _____

And you are likewise required as aforesaid to notify & warn
the Inhabitants quallified by law to vote in town meeting to
meet at the same time & place to act on the following articles
(Viz) 1ly To choose a moderator.

2ly To see if the town will raise anymore Money to build School
Houses in said town & act on that matter as they may think best
when met.

3ly To see if the town will agree to fence the Buring Ground
in said town & choose a Committee if thought necessary. _____

4ly To see what method the town will take to get off the pre-
sentment on account of bad Roads.

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And make return of these Warrants on or before time of said
meetings with your doings thereon to us the Subscribers. _____

Given under our Hands and Seals this twelfth day of March A. D.,
1805.

Eli Twitchell }
John Holt

Selectmen
of
Bethel

April 1st. 1805

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in said town meetings to meet at the time & place therein specified. _____

Samuel B. Locke Constable

April 1st 1805

Pursuant to the foregoing warrants the Inhabitants as therein set forth met at the time & place & passed the following votes (viz) On the adjournment voted not to pass over the Eight Articles - and voted to dispose of the School land, if they can legally do it. _____

Also voted to choose a Committee to look into the situation of the School land & to ascertain whether they can be legally disposed of & in what way--made choice of the following persons for said committee (Viz)

Eliphaz Chapman

Timothy Carter

Capt. Eleazer Twitchell

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Voted to choose an agent to take care of the Presentment brought against said town in consequence of bad Roads. _____

made choice of Eli Twitchell for said Agent then proceeded to the other meeting & made choice of Esq. Twitchell Moderator.

Voted to choose a Committee to appraise the three School Houses & report to the next meeting--made choice of

Moses Mason
Timothy Carter
Josiah Bean

3ly Voted to choose a Committee of four to Fence the Buring Grounds, made choice of

Gideon Powers

James Walker

Eliphaz Chapmen

Peter York. _____

Voted to adjourn said meeting to last monday of June next at three O'clock in the afternoon. _____

Eli Twitchell Esq. Moderator
Timothy Carter town Clerk

Monday April 1st 1805

The following votes were given in for Governor, Lieut Governor & Senators (Viz)

for Hon. James Sullivan	36 votes	
for Hon. Caleb Strong	16 "	
for Lieut. Governor Hon. Heath William		36 votes
for Hon. E. H. Robbins		16 "
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Senators John Woodman Esq.	31 votes
Joseph Bartlett Esq	31 "
John Lord Esq	14 "
Prentiss Mellen Esq	14 "

A true record Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

A Warrant May 9th 1805

To Samuel B. Locke Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

In the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of twenty years of age & upwards having a freehold Estate of the annual income of three pounds a year or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds in the Commonwealth, to meet & assemble at the Center School House in Bethel, on Saturday the Eighteenth Day of May at two O clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing a Representative to the General Court of said Commonwealth, if the town shall see fit and likewise by the authory of aforesaid required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants quallified as the law directs to vote in town meetings, to meet at the same time & place--lly to choose a moderator

2ly To give in their objections why there shall not be a Baptists Society formed in Bethel, if they have any. _____

Given under my hand & Seal this ninth Day of May A.D. 1805.

Eli Twitchell }
John Holt } Selectmen

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the freeholder & other Inhabitants quallified by law to vote in town meetings to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned.

Samuel B. Lock Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the freeholders & other Inhabitants met at the time & place & for the purposes therein Expressed & passed the following votes (Viz) _____

1ly voted not to send a Representative this year.

2ly Pursant to the other warning of the same date the town passed the following votes (viz)

1ly made choice of Eli Twitchell Moderator.

2ly voted in favour of the Baptist Society's Incorporation taking place.

Eli Twitchell Esq Mod.
Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

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June 23d 1805

Agreeable to an adjournment April meeting, the Inhabitants Assembled & passed the votes (viz)

1ly voted to adopt the report of the Committee that were chosen to Appraise the Schools in this town, which report is as follows (viz) The School House at the lower end of this appraised at \$50, the one at the Middle Intervale at \$90, the one at the upper end of this town at \$50. Then voted to raise \$260 , to be laid out on School Houses in the following manner (viz) The first district to have \$40, Second district to have \$90, Third district none, fourth district \$40, fifth district to have \$45 & sixth district to have \$45. Then voted that Each

district shall choose a Committee or an Agent to recieve orders upon the Treasurer for the several Sums assigned to Each district, to be laid out in building and repairing School Houses.

Eliphaz Chapman protemp Clerk

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Bethel September 10th 1805. _____

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. _____

Oxford ss. To the Constable of the town of Bethel. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth to meet at the Center School House in Bethel on Tuesday the 24 day this present month at two O'clock in the after-noon, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Suitable male Person, for Register of Deeds for the said County of Oxford agreeable to law & Registion of two of the Justices of the Common in said County.

Given under our Hands and Seals at Bethel in said County on Tuesday the twelfth day of September A. D. 1805. _____

Eli Twitchell }

John Holt }

Asa Kimball }

Selectmen

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel, to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned.

Samuel B. Lock Constable

Bethel September 24th 1805

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants therein mentioned, met at the time & place & brought in the following votes (viz) for a County Register _____ made choice of the Selectmen to count & sort the votes. Votes for Capt. Joseph Rust 7.
 " for Mr. Eleazor Hamlin 7.

A true copy
 Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

A Warrant Nov. 22th 1805

To Samuel B. Locke Constable for the town of Bethel. Greeting. Whereas the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, holden at Paris the Eighth Day of Oct. A. D. 1805 _____ choose a Committee to write to the Several Towns, in the County of Oxford, to have the said towns take the matter under consideration respecting a Petition of Fryeburg, Brownfield, Porterfield & Lovell trying for a half Shire to be

carried up

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Established in said Fryeburg, therefore in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachsuetts, You are required in the name above said, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Center School House in Bethel, on Friday the 22 day of Nov. A.D. 1805, at one O clock in the afternoon, to hear the request of said Committee as is set forth in their Letter and Act on the Same and they shall think best.

Eli Twitchell } Selectmen
 John Holt } of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place & for the purposees therein mentioned.

Samuel B. Lock Constable

Bethel Nov. 22th 1805

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants assembled at the time and place and passed the following votes (Viz)

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- 1ly made choice of Eli Twitchell moderator.
- 2ly Voted to have Paris established the Shiretown for the County of Oxford.
- 3ly Unanimously voted not to have the County divided into two half Shires at present.
- 4ly Voted to remonstrate aganist the Petition of Fryeburg, Brownfield, Porterfield & Lovell, praying for a half Shire to be established in Fryeburg.
- 5ly Voted to choose a Committee to remonstrate aganist said Fryeburg Petition, to the Honourable General Court & to pray them in behalf of said town of Bethel, to establish Paris to be the Shire town, & to forward said Remonstrances to the County Agent.
- 6ly made choice of the following Persons for said Committee (viz) Timothy Carter, Jeremiah Andrews & Eliphaz Chapman.
- 7ly Then voted that the above said Committee should make the following propositions to the County Agent (viz) if it is likely to accomodate the County any better, they are willing to have Norway the Shire town; or they therefrom are willing a disinterested Committee should examine said County & say where the

Shire shall be fixed.

Eli Twitchell Moderator
Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

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Warrant Feb. 7th 1806

To Moses Mason of Bethel, Greeting

You hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Bethel, quallified by Law to vote in town affairs (Viz) such as pay to one tax, beside the Poll or Polls a sum Equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax, to meet & Assemble at the Center school - House, in Bethel, on Monday the third day of March next, at Ten O clock in the forenoon.

- 1st to choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
 - 2ly to choose a Clerk for said Town.
 - 3ly to choose a town Treasurer.
 - 4" to choose Selectmen & Assessors.
 - 5" to choose a Constable & Collectors
 - 6" to choose all other Officers that towns are authorized to choose in the Month of March or April Annually.
 - 7" to grant Money to defray town charges & for the Support of Schools the ensuing year.
 - 8" to see if the town will make any alteration in the School District; or divide the fourth into two & choose Committee
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- 9" To see if the town will grant any Money, to be laid out on a Road that leads to Mr. David Blake's Mills in Bethel aforesaid.
- 10" To Raise Money to make & repair High-ways the ensuing year.
- 11" To see if the town will have a Road laid from Mr. David Blake's Mills to the lower end of this town & order the Selectmen to lay out said Road ____ & make return of this Warrant on or before said meeting ____

Given under our hand & Seals the Seventh day of Feb. 1806.

Eli Twitchell	}	Selectmen of Bethel
John Holt		
Asa Kimball		

Bethel Feb 15th. 1806

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants therein mentioned to meet at the time & place & for the Purposes therein expressed.

Moses Mason

To Moses Mason of Bethel Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Bethel quallified by Law to vote in Town Affairs (viz) such as pay to one tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax, to meet and assemble at the Center School House, in Bethel on Monday the third day of March next, at Ten O clock in the forenoon.

- 1ly To Choose a Moderator to governor said meeting.
- 2ly To Choose a Town Clerk.
- 3ly Choose a Town Treasuer.
- 4ly Selectmen & Assorsors for the year Insuing.
- 5ly Constable & Collector of Taxes for said town.
- 6ly To Choose all other town Officers, that towns are authorized to choose in the Month of March or April Anually.

7ly To grant Money to defray town charges & for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

8th To see if the town will make any alteration in the school districts in Bethel; or divide the fourth into two, & choose a Committee for to inquire, & make such alteration if just.

9th To see if the town will grant any Money, to be laid out on a road that goes to Mr. David Blake's Mills.

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10th To raise Money to repair Highways & town ways the ensuing year.

11th To see if the town will have a road laid out from Mr. David Blake's Mills in Bethel to the lower end of this town, & order the Selectmen; or choose a Committee to lay out said road. _____
and make return of this warrant.

Given under our hands & Seals this Seventh day of February
A. D. 1806. _____

Eli Twitchell	{	Selectmen
John Holt		of
Asa Kimball		Bethel

Bethel February 15th. 1806

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of Bethel, quallified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned.

Moses Mason. _____

Bethel March 3d. 1806

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants met at the

time & place & for the purposes therein expressed, & passed the following Votes (viz).

1ly Made choice of Eli Twitchell Esq. Moderator.

2d made choice of Timothy Carter town Clerk.

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3d made choice of Nathan Adams Treasurer.

4ly made choice of Capt Elezor Twitchell, Nathan Adams & John Kilgore, Jr. Selectmen & Assessors.

5ly Voted to have the Collection of taxes struck off to the lowest bidder, accordingly it was struck off to Col. John York for four cents & 5 mills on the dollar, his bondsman Jeremiah Andrews & Richard Estes & excepted by the Town, then said York was chosen Constable

Highway Surveyors

Amos Bean —

Peter York —

John Kilgore, Jr.

Capt. John Swan

It. Jonathan Clark —

John Barker

Joseph Wheeler

John Ellinwood

Nathaniel Swan —

Ebenezer Eames —

It. Nathaniel Seger

Surveyors of Lumber

Nathaniel Swan —

Nathan Adams —

Amos Hill —

Eli Twitchell Esq.

Field Drivers

John Barker —

John Merrill —

Sealers of Leather

Benjamin Brown —

John Barker —

Sealers of weights &
measures

Timothy Carter

Hog Constables

Amos Hastings, Jr.

Elliot Powers —

Ebenezer Bean —

Joseph G. Swan —

Jesse Bean —

Tythingmen
 Moses Mason
 Stephen Bartlett

John Merrill—
 Thomas Frost —

Fence Viewers

The before mentioned town

Thomas Stearns

Officers, that their names are

Isaac York —

not (marked) Personally

appeared before Eli Twitchell Esq & made Oath to the faithful
 discharge of of their officers.

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Voted to raise \$250 for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

Voted to raise \$60 to defray town Chareges.

Voted to raise \$250 to be laid out on the County road, at each
 end of the Town under the direction a Committee. made choice of
 Nathan Adams, Daniel Grout & John Holt for said Committee.

Voted to raise \$250 to be laid on the town & Highways the ensuing
 year.

then voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of April
 next at 4 O'clock in the afternoon.

Eli Twitchell Esq Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

Oxford ss. March 15th 1806 _____

To John York Constable Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of the town
 of Bethel, of the age of Twenty one years and upwards, having a
 freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of
 three pounds; or any Estates to the value of Sixty pounds, to
 meet & assemble at the midle Intervale School House on Monday
 the seventh day of April next at one O clock in afternoon,

to give in their Votes for govenor, Lt. Governor, Senators & Counsellors

4ly To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.

5ly To give in their votes for a County Register.

6ly To see if the Town will choose a School Committee to inspect Schools the present year.

Agreeable to the Sonstution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands & seals this fifteenth day of March
A. D. 1806.

Eleazor Twitchell	}	Selectmen of Bethel
Nathan Adams		
John Kilgore, Jr.		

Pusuant to foregoing warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said town quallified as there is expressed to meet at the time, place & purposes therein mentioned John York Constable

Bethel April 7th 1806

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants met at the time & Place, therein mentioned & passed the following Votes (viz) Votes for Governor.

His Excelency Caleb Strong Esq. - 17 votes

The Hon. James Sullivan Esq. 53 votes

Votes for Lieut Governor.

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The Hon Edward H. Robins 15 votes

The Hon. William Heath 40 votes

Senators & Counsellors for York district

Hon. Andrew P. Farland Esq 15 votes

Hon. John Woodman Esq 40 votes

Hon. Joseph Leland Esq 15 votes

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Then made choice of the following School Committee (viz) Timothy Carter, Eliphaz Chapman & Eli Twitchell Esq.

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

Warrant April 21th 1806. _____

To John York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting.
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & resident in said town for the span of one year next preceeding, having a freehold Estate within said town, of the annual income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the Center school House in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of May next, at one o clock in the afternoon for the purpose

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of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be conveyed at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next.

Also and likewise you are required to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town quallified as the law directs to vote in town affairs, to meet at the above said school House in said, on Monday the fifth day of May next at two of the clock in the afternoon. _____ firstly to choose a Moderator to govern said meeting, secondly to see if the town will choose an Agent to set in Convention to consult upon the town or Place where they would wish to hage the shire town affixed in the County of Oxford; or Act anything relative to the affairs of said County that they may think proper when met.

Given under our Hands & Seals this Twenty Day of April A.D. 1806.

Eleazor Twitchell } Selectmen
Nathan Adams } of
~~John Kilgore, Jr.~~ } Bethel

Bethel April 24th. 1806

Pusuant to the within Warrant I have Notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein expressed to meet at the time & Place & for the purposes therein mentioned.

John York Constable

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Behtel May 5th 1806

Persuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants, met at the time & Place & passed the following votes(viz).

voted to send a Representative to the General Court this year.
made choice of Mr. Eliphaz Chapman to represent the town of Bethel in the General Court this year.

at the second meeting made choice of Eli Twitchell Moderator.

2d voted to send a delegate to set in convention to be holden at Mr. James Walkers on the 13 day of May Instant.

3ly made choice of Timothy Carter for said Delegate.

4ly voted the said Delegate should Act for said town in Convention, as his wisdom & judgement shall Direct him, for the good of said town & county.

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

April 7th. 1806

On the adjournment of March meeting passed the following votes (viz) ———

Then made choice of Lt. Jonathan Clark, Eli Twitchell Esq. & Eliphaz Chapman a committee to look in situation of the School Districts & make report at the next meeting.

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Then voted to have the Selectmen layout a road from Mr. Anis to Lt. Kimball's; if they proper.

Then Voted to raise \$100 Dollars to be laid out on roads, as the Selectmen shall think best.

Eli Twitchell Moderator
Attest Timothy Carter Clerk _____

A Warrant Oct 22d. 1806 _____

To Amos Hastings one of the Inhabitants of Bethel Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a free hold Estate within said town of the anual income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds to meet at the midle Intervale School House on the first Monday of November, at one O'clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Representative to Congress agree able to _____ turn over _____

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the Constitution of Commonwealth.

Given under our hands & seals this

Twenty second day of Oct. A. D. 1806— and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at or before said time of meeting.

Bethel Nov 3d. 1806

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place, & for the purposes therein mentioned.

Amos Hastings —

Pursuant to the fore going warrant the Inhabitants met at the time & place therein mentioned & gave in the following Votes (viz)

for the Hon. Richard Cutts Esq	17
" " " Joseph Leland Esq	7
" " " Joseph Bartlett Esq	4

Nov. 3d 1806

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

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Bethel Oct 22th 1806 a Warrant

To Col. Amos Hastings one of the freeholders of Bethel Greeting
By the request of Lieut. Jonathan Clark, Daniel Grout & eight others of the freeholders of Bethel. _____

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote in town meetings(viz) such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax to meet & assemble at the midle Intervale school House on the first Monday in November next, at three O'clock in the Afternoon to Act on the following Articles (Viz).

firstly to choose a moderator to govern said meeting
secondly to see if the town will divide the fourth school District & make two Districts of it, and make the great River the

dividing line - And say how the Money that belongs to the said
turn over

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District, shall be divided. _____

Given under our Hands & seals this twenty Second day of Oct.
A. D. 1806 thereof fail not to make return of your doings before
said meeting. _____

Ela Twitchell { Selectmen
John Kilgore, Jr. { of Bethel

Pursuant to the fore going warrant I have notified the Inhabitants
of said town quallified as therein expressed to meet at the time
& place & for the purposes therein mentioned.

Amos Hastings
Bethel Nov 3^d. 1806

Pursuant to the fore going Warrant the Inhabitants assembled
at the time & place therein mentioned & passed the following
Votes(viz).

- 1ly make choice of Mr. Eliphaz Chapman moderator.
- 2ly Voted to divide the fourth District & make the great River
the dividing line.

Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

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A Warrant Feb. 14th. 1807

To Moses Mason one of the Freeholders of the town of Bethel.

Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to Vote in said town meetings (Viz) such as pay to one single tax, beside the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet & Assemble at the third District school House, on Monday the second day of March at ten O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz). _____

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.
- 2 " To choose a Town clerk.
- 3 " To choose Selectmen.
- 4 " To choose a Treasurer.
- 5 " To choose Assessors
- 6 " To choose a Collector.
- 7 " To choose Constable
- 8 " To choose Surveyors of Highways.
- 9 " To choose surveyors of Lumber.
- 10" To choose fence Viewers, & all other Officers Towns are authorized to choose in the Month of March or April anually.
- 12" To see how much Money the Town will Raise to be laid out for Schooling this Present year.

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13ly To see how much Money the town will Raise to be laid out on Town Roads this present year.

14" To see if the town will raise the price of Labor on town Roads from 67 cents per day to 1.00 dollar per day.

15" To see if the Town will set Mr. Benjamin Brown to the third School District & Mr. James Noble to the fourth District.

16" To see if the Town will divide the fifth school District, and let them be a District by themselves or be annexed to the 4th District on the north side of the River.

17" To see if the town will pass a Vote that all the Money that is raised for schooling for the present year, should be laid out & divided Equally alike to every School district.

At Bethel, given under our Hands & seals this 14th day of Feb. A.D. 1807.

Eleazor Twitchell)
John Kilgore Jr.) Selectmen
) of Bethel

March 2^d. 1807.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as therein expressed

Moses Mason

March 2^d. 1807

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants assembled &

appointed the following officers & passed the following Votes (viz).

1ly Appointed Eli Twitchell Esq Moderator.

2ly ——— " ——— Timothy Carter Town Clerk

Eli Twitchell

{ Selectmen

3ly ——— " ——— John Kilgore Jr.

and

Peregrine Bartlett

{ Assessors

4ly ——— " ——— James Walker Town Treasurer.

5 Voted to have the collection of Taxes set up at auction & struck off to the lowest bidder, & was struck off to Mr. Jonathan Abbott for five Cents on the Dollar, Deacon Ezra Twitchell & Simeon Twitchell, appeared for his bondsman & were excepted by the town, then appointed said Jonathan Abbott Constable for the year ensuring.

6ly Appointed Highway Surveyors. Apponted Surveyors of Lumber

Luther Bean

John Kilgore Jr.

Ebenezer Bean

Solomon Anis

Timothy Bean

David Burbank

Solomon Anis

Lt. Jonathan Clark

Daniel Grout

Appointed Fence Viewers

Jesse Bean

Eli Twitchell Esq

*Walter Mason

Lt. John Russell

*Timothy Chapman

Col. Amos Hastings

Eli Twitchell Esq

Int. John Grover —

Thomas Frost —

Jeremiah Andrews

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Appointed field drivers

* James Walker

* Jeremiah Andrews

* Col Amos Hastings

* Moses Mason

7ly Voted to excuse the field drivers from taking their Oaths & to pass over the Article of choosing Hog Reeves until the adjournment of this meeting.

8ly Voted to Raise the following sums of Money to be appropriated in the following manner(viz).

To defray town Charges	\$60. —
To support Schooling	250. —
To repair Highways	600. —

9ly Voted to raise the Labour on the Highways for this year shall be raised from .67 cent to 1.00 Dollar per day.

10 Voted to have the school Money divided Equally alike to every school district.

March 2^d. 1807

Personally appeared the before named Officers (that have not this mark prefied to their Names *) & took the Oath by Law required before Timothy Carter Jus. Peace.

11" Then Voted to have this meeting adjourned to the first Monday of April next at 3 O clock in the afternoon.

Timothy Carter Clerk

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Warrant March 12th. 1807

To Jonathan Abbott Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting.
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the male Inhabitants of Bethel, being twenty one years of age & upwards a freehold Estate with in the Commonwealth, after annual income of three pounds; or any Estanted of the value of sixty Pounds, to meet & Assemble at the Center school House in Bethel on Monday the sixthday of April at one of the Clock P.M. To give in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor & Senators for the year insuing.
2ly To give in your votes on the following Question, to it shall the Senators & Representatives of the district of Maine in the application to the Legislature for their consent to a seperation of the District of Maine from the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts & that the same maybe created into a State.
And you are to make due return of this Warrant.

Given under our Hands & seals this twefth day of March A.D.
1807.

Eli Twitchell { Selectmen
John Kilgore Jr. { of Bethel

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Bethel March 20th. 1807

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have notified &
warned the male Inhabitants of said Bethel quallified as the Law
directs to meet at the time & place appointed for the purposes
of choosing Governor Lieut Governor & other officers as herein
direcred. —

And act on the other Articles withing mentioned

Jonathan Abbott Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of the town
of Bethel met at the time & place therein mentioned & passed
& gave in the following votes (viz).

For Governor Hon. James Sullivan Esq. 56 votes

" " His Excellany Caleb Strong Esq. 19 votes

Lt. Gov	{	Hon. Levi Linclon Esq.	56	"
		Hon Edward Robbins Esq.	18	"

Senators	{	Hon. John Woodman Esq.	52	"
		Hon. Joseph Storer Esq.	52	"
		Maj. William Jefferds	17	"
		Nacholas Emery Esq.	17	"

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

The adjournment of March meeting brought forward at which the
Inhabitants passed the following votes (viz).

Appointed	Appointed
Timothy Chapman	Timothy Carter
Eli Twitchell Jr.	Eliphaz Chapman
John Cushman	& Lt. Sephen Bartlett
Hezekiah Andrews	a School Committee
Jonathan Abbott	
Samuel Chapman	
Hog Reeves	

Eli Twitchell Esq. Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter Clerk _____

The Yeas & Nays taken on the Question of the seperation of the
District of Maine as requested by the Hon. Legislature of this
Commonwealth (viz).

Yeas 40 Nays 17. _____

Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

Bethel April 6th 1807

Personally Appeared Eli Twitchell Esq, John Kilgore Jr. ,
Peregrien Bartlett, Selectmen of Bethel, & took the Oath, by
Law proscribed faithfully & impertially to discharge the duties
of their Offices respecting all Elections & returns thereof
before Timothy Carter Justic of Peace.

A Warrant April 29th. 1807

To Jonathan Abbott Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of

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Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of Age, and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold Estate within the said town of the annual income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of sixty Pounds to meet at the center School-House in Bethel, on Thursday the seventh day of May at one O'clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing one Representative to represent them in the General Courts appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands & seals at said Bethel the 29th day of April A. D. 1807.

Eli Twitchell Selectmen
John Kilgore Jr. of Bethel

Bethel April 30th. 1807 _____

pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Jonathan Abbott Constable

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Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants therein mentioned, assembled at the time & Place and passed the following Votes, (viz).

firstly voted to send one Representative to the General Courts this year _____

Secondly made choice of Mr. Eliphaz Chapman to Represent them in the General Courts the ensuing year. _____

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

Warrant March 7th 1808

To Lt. John Russell of Bethel Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the free holders & other Inhabitants quallified by Law to Vote in Affairs (viz) such as pay to each tax beside the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single poll tax, to meet and Assemble at the Center School House in Bethel on Monday the seventh day of March next at ten O clock A. M. for the purpose of choosing anual Officers for said town.

1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2ly Clerk for said town

3ly Selectmen and Assrsors

4ly Treasurer

5ly Collector & Constable

6 " and all other Officers, that Towns are required to choose in the Month of April or March ———

7 " to raise Money for Schools & to defray twon charges.

8 " To grant suitable sum for Highway in said town.

9 " see if the town will build or repair Alder River Bridge, and raise Money for the same.

10" To see How will have their Money divided in the School - districts.

11" To see if the town let the River be the dividing line between the first & second School Districts.

12" To give in their votes for County Treasurer

and make due return of this Warrant to us on or before said day.

Given under our hands & seals this Eleventh day of Feb
A. D. 1808.

Eli Twitchell { Selectmen
John Kilgore Jr. { of Bethel

I have notified & warned the Inhabitants as is within mentioned.

John Russell

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants assembled at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned & Passed the following votes (viz)

- 1 ly made choice of Esq Twitchell Moderator
- 2 " made choice of Timothy Carter Town Clerk
- 3 " made choice of John Kilgore Jr. Selectmen
Isaac Town & Assessors
Samuel Kimball of Bethel
- 4 " made choice of Timothy Carter Treasurer
- 5 " Voted have the collection of Taxes set up at auction & struck off to the lowest bider and accordingly was sturck off to Mr. Moses Mason for six Cents on the dollar. Capt. Eleazer Twitchell & Thomas Stearns appeared for his Bonds- men & were excepted by the town.
- 6 " made choice of Moses Mason Constable _____
carried forward _____

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7 " made choice of
Arnold Powers
Decon Asa Kimball
Nathan Marble
David Blake
Daniel Grouts
John Barker
Joseph Wheeler
Jon athan Abbott
John Merrill
Ebenezer Eames
Peregrein Bartlett
Highway Surveyors

8 ly made choice of
David Burbank
Lt. Jonathan Clark
Nathanel Swan
Solomon Annas Jr.
Surveyors of Lumber

9 ly made choice of
Thomas Stearns
Isaac Spofford
Lt. John Russell
Daniel Grouts
Fence Viewers

10" made choice or
Samuel Ayer
Capt. E. Twitchell
Capt. John Holt
Field drivers

11" made choice of
Peter Walker
Otis Grover
Arnold Powers
Hog Reeves

12 made choice of
Job York
Walter Mason
Tythingmen. _____

13" made choice of
Timothy Carter
Capt. John Holt
Isaac Town
School Committee

Oxford ss. March 7th 1808

Personally appeared the before named Officers & took the several oaths by Law required, who have not this mark affixed to their names X before

Timothy Carter & Eli Twitchell
Justices of the Peace

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Oxford ss. April 4th 1808

The Seclectmen (viz) John Kilgore Jr., Isaac Town & Samuel Kimball personally appeared & took the Oath by law required, before _____

Timothy Carter Jus. Peace

Oxford ss. May 2d 1808

Person ally appeared Timothy Carter & took the Oath by law requ ired as Town Treasurer before Eli Twitchell Jus. Peace
14ly voted raise for the support of Schooling the year \$150.--
then voted to have the school Money divided among the several School Districts as it was last year.

15" Choose a Committee on Accounts (viz)

Timothy Carter
Eli Twitchell Esq.
Moses Mason

16" Chose a Committee to examine into the situation of Alder -
River as it respects cuilding a Bridge over said River;
and like wise to make a draught of said Bridge, and make
report at the adjournment of this meeting

carried forward

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said committee (viz)

Samuel B. Lock

Eli Twitchell Esq.

Daniel Grout

Timothy Carter

John York

17ly Voted to make the River the dividing line between the
first & second School-Districts in said town.

18" Then voted to pospone acting upon the 7 article so far
as it respects raising Money to defray town charges; and like-
wise to 8 & 9 articls until the first Monday in April next at
2 O clock P. M. Then adjourned to that time.

At the Adjournment of March meeting A. D. 1808 the
Inhabitants met & passed the following votes (viz)

1ly voted to reconsider the vote to raise \$150 for schooling.
then voted to raise \$200 for the support of Schooling the
present year.

2 " voted to raise \$200 to defray Town charges \$200.

3 " voted to rasie to repair Alder River Bridge \$200

4 " voted to raise to repair Highways \$400

5 " voted the labour on the Highways shall be (issued) at
12 cents an Hour, for the present year.

carried up

brought forward

6ly	Voted to allow the following Amounts (viz)		
	James Walker Accounts for Hats		\$66.67
	" " " Treasurer		4.50
	Samuel B. Lock Accounts		2.50
	John Kilgore Jr. "		7.50
	Esq. Twitchell's "		30.34
	Jonathan Abbott "		.75
	Moses Mason's "		1.--
	Peregrein Bartlett's "		3.50
	John York's "		.83
	Daniel Bean's "		5.--
			<hr/>
			\$122.59

gave in their votes for County Treasurer as follows (viz) for
Col. Levi Hubbard 13 votes

7ly Voted to postpone determining how the Money raised to be
laid out at Alder River Bridge shall be applied until
May meeting then Adjourned to that time. _____

May 2^d. 1808

The Inhabitants assembled on the Adjournment of March
meeting & passed the following votes (viz)

1ly Voted to reconsider the vote to raise \$200 to be laid
out on Alder River Bridge.

2 " Voted to build a Bridge over said River.

agreeable to a plan presented to the Town by Timothy Carter,
then voted to set up the building said Bridge to the lowest
bider & was struck off to Daniel Grout for \$378 Dollars one
half to be paid on or before the first day of April next in
Merchantable produce at the going price to be delivered at
the dwelling House of Timothy Carter in Bethel & the other

half in Money when said Bridge shall be Accomplished, which is to be done by the last day of October 1809 & excepted by the superintending Committee.

3 " Voted to raise \$378 Dollars to defray the expene of building said Bridge

4 " voted to choose a superintending Committee (viz) Timothy Carter, Samuel B. Lock & John York for said purpose (viz) to make writings with the undertaker to superintend the work & determine whether the work is done according to agreements & accept the same when done, to have the tax bill lodged with them, in order to recive in the produce from those who wish to pay it in by the first day of April next, the time affixed upon to have it paid in, then to deliver the bill over to the Collector if any shall remain unpaid; and likewise to receive all Money the Inhabitants may wish to pay in, and all orders which maybe drawn on them by the undertaker in in favour of any Inhabitant & discharge such parts of his tax as he may pay, and they shall account with the Town for their doings, and pay all such

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Money or produce as may be paid in to them.

Eli Twitchell Esq. Moderator.

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

Warrant March 18th. 1808 _____

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting.
You are hereby required in the name of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the Inhabitants of the said town of Bethel of twenty one Years of Age & resident having a free hold Estate, within the Commonwealth of the anual income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds to meet at the school House in the third School - district, on Monday the

the fourth day of April next, at one O clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Govenor, Lieut. Governor & Senators agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. _____

Given under our Hands & seals at said Bethel this eighteenth day of March 1808.

John Kilgore Jr.	} Selectmen of Bethel
Isaac Town	

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Pursuant to the within, I have warned the male Inhabitants quallified as the law directs, to vote in said meeting, to appear at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned.

Moses Mason Constable.

April 4th. 1808

Pursuant to the forgoing warrant, the Inhabitants therein mentioned met at the time & place & gave in their votes as follows (viz).—

His Excellency James Sullivan Esq.	63 votes
His Hon. Christopher Gore Esq.	25 "
for Lieut Governor	
The Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq.	63 "
The Hon. David Cobb Esq.	23 "
for Senators	
Hon. John Woodman Esq.	66 "
Hon. Joseph Storer Esq.	66 "
Hon. Andrew Fernald Esq.	21 "
Hon. Joseph Leland Esq.	21 "

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

Warrant March 18 th. 1808

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachsetts, to notify & warn the feeholders & other Inhabitants,
of said town quallified by law to vote in town meetings, (viz)
suck as pay to one tax besides the Poll or Polls, a sum equal to
two thirds of a single Pool tax, to meet & Assemble at the
School-House in the third School-district, at two of the Clock
in the afternoon on the fourth day of April next, to act on the
following articles (viz).

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 " If the town will set off all the Inhabitants on the third
School - district on the north side of the River, from Mr.
Elenezer Eames to the fourth District on the north side of the
River. _____

Given under our Hands & seals this Eighteenth day of
March A. D. 1808. _____

John Kilgore Jr.	{	Selectmen of Bethel
Isaac Town		

Pursuant to the within, I have warned the male Inhabitants,
quallified as the law directs to vote in said town meeting to
appear at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned.

Moses Mason Constable.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants assembled
& passed the following votes (viz)

- 1ly made choice Lt. Jonathan Clark Moderator
- 2 " voted not to set off the Inhabitants on the north side

of the River.

3 " voted to dissolve said meeting. _____

Lt. Jonathan Clark Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

Warrant April 15th. 1808 _____

To Moses Mason Constable of Bethel Greeting. _____
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachasetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said
town being twenty years of Age & resident in said town for
the space of one year next preceeding, having a free hold
Estate within said town of the anual income of three Pounds
or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the
School - House in the third school district on Monday the
second day of May next at one O clock in the after-noon, for
the purpose of choosing a representative to represent them
at the General Courts, appointed to be convened & held at
Boston on the

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last Wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands & seals at said Bethel this fifteenth
day of April A. D. 1808.

John Kilgore Jr.	{	Selectmen
Isaac Town		of Bethel

Bethel May 2^d 1808.

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have notified
the quallified Voters therein mentioned to meet at time & place
ordered for the purposes within mentioned. _____

Moses Mason Constable.

Bethel May 2^d 1808.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants Assembled & made choice of Mr. Eliphaz Chapman to represent them in the General Court to be convened & held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

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Warrant April 15th 1808

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel. Greeting. _____

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote in town meetings (viz) such as pay to one single tax beside the Poll or Polls, a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax, to meet & assemble at the school House in the third school district, on Monday the second day of May next, at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles (viz).

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2 " See if the town will let the River be the dividing line between the first & second school-districts; if not to see if the town will set off all the Inhabitants of the first & second school-districts on the north side of the River in a District by themselves.
- 3 " To see if the town will set off the Inhabitants of the third school-district on the north side of the River (viz) Mr. Ebenezer Eames, Samuel B. Locke, Col. Amos Hastings, Nathaniel Swan, & John Merrill & annex them to the fourth District on the north side of the River. _____

4ly To see how much the town will give a head for Crows & Crow Blackbirds.

Given under our Hands & seals this fifteenth day of April A. D. 1808.

John Kilgore Jr. } Selectmen
Samuel Kimball } of Bethel

Bethel May 2^d. 1808

Pursuant to the within I have notified the voters mentioned, to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned.

Moses Mason Constable

Bethel May 2^d. 1808.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants assembled & Passed the following votes (viz).

1ly Chose Esq. Eli Twitchell Moderator of said Meeting.

2 " voted to set off the Inhabitants of the first & second school - districts on the north side of the River into a District by themselves.

3 " voted to set off Mr. Ebenezer Eames, Samuel B. Locke, Col. Amos Hastings, Nathaniel Swan & John Merrill from the third school district & annex them to the fourth on the north side of the River.

4 " voted to give 10 cents a head for ^{Crows} Brown & 3 cents a head for Crow Blackbirds, to be paid out of the town Treasury by an order drawn by the Selectmen.

Esq. Eli Twitchell Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

A Warrant Sept. 6th. 1808

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting.
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachessutts to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabit-
ants, of said town quallified, by law to vote in town meetings
(viz) such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Polls
a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax, to meet & Assemble
at the school-House in the third school District, on Saturday
the seventh day of the Present month, at one O'clock in the
afternoon to Act on the following Articles (viz)

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2 To see what the Inhabitants will do about sending a Pet-
ition to the President to have the Embargo taken off, or Act
anything concerning the matter, as they shall see fit when met.
- 3^d To see if the town will except the Roads that have been
laid out, by the Selectmen of said town.

Given under our hands & seals this 6th day of Sept.
Bethel A. D. 1808.

John Kilgore Jr.	} Selectmen of Behtel
Isaac Town	

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Bethel Sept. 17th. 1808

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. I have notified the Inhabit-
ants of said town quallified as therein expressed, to meet at
the time & place, & for the purposes therein mentioned.

Moses Mason Constable

Bethel Sept. 17th. 1808

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants Assembled
& passed the following votes (viz) ———

- 1ly made choice of Mr. Eliphaz Chapman Moderator.
2ly made choice of Capt. John Holt Clerk, Protem.
3ly voted not to have the embargo taken off.
4ly voted to choose three Committee
5ly voted Mr. Eliphaz Chapman, Mr. Samuel B. Lock & Mr. Moses
Mason said Committee, they were choosen to make a return
of the proceeding of the meeting.
6 voted to except a road laid out for Eleazor Twitchell Jr.
7 voted to except a road laid out from Mr. Joseph G. Swan's
to Mr. David Blake's.

Attest John Holt Clerk Protem

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A Warrant Oct. 24th. 1808

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said
town being twenty one years old, & resident in said town for the
space of one year next preceeding having a free hold Estate
within said town of the Anual incomeof three Pounds or any
Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Center School
House in said Bethel on Monday the seventh day of November next,
it being the first Monday in said month at one Oclock in the
Afternoon to give in their votes for a Representative of the
People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States
for the third Eastern district.

Given under our hands & seals, at said Bethel, this 24th
day of October AD 1808.

John Kilgore
Isaac Town

{ Selectmen
of
Bethel

Bethel November 7th. 1808

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein mentioned, to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned

Moses Mason Constable.

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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel, held on the seventh day of Nov. A D 1808. said Inhabitants gave in their votes for a Federal Representatives to the Congress of the United States of America

(viz) Hon. Richard Cutts 42 Votes

" Joseph Leland 18 "

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

A Warrant Decem. 31th. 1809

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel. — Greeting
You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of Age and resident in said towne for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold Estate within said town of the anual income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the centre school in said town, on Saturday the thirty first day of December Inst. at one of the clock in the Afternoon to Act on the following articles (viz)

1ly to choose a moderator to govern said meeting. 2ly to attend to a revision of the Jury Boxes

J. Kilgore Jr.

Isaac Town

{ Select-
men

December 31th 1808

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel.
They voted to except the revision of the Jury Boxes, as made out
by the Selectmen & laid before said town by them at said meeting.

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

A Warrant February 13th 1809

To Lieut. John Russell of the town of Bethel Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of said town of Bethel, quallified by law to vote
in town meetings (viz) such as pay to one single tax besides
the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single poll
tax, to meet and assemble at the school-House in the third on
Monday the sixth day of March next at ten Oclock in the fore-
noon to act on the following Articles (viz).
Firstly to choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.
Secondly to choose a town clerk.

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Thirdly a Treasurer.

Foruthly Selectmen & Assessors.

5ly Collectors & Constable.

6ly Surveyors of Highways & Lumber.

7ly All other town Officers which towns are required to choose
in the Month of March.

8ly to see how much Money the town willraise for schools, for
the present year.

9ly to see how much Money the town will raise to defray town
charges for the present year.

10ly to see how the town will divide the school Money for the

present year.

11ly to see if the town will set off Joseph Ayer and Samuel Ayer and their Estates from the second school District on the south side of the River, and annex them and their Estates to the first District on the south side of the River.

12ly to make any other alteration in the School Districts, the town shall think proper when met.

13ly to see if the town will set off Eliphaz Chapman, Timothy Chapman, Samuel Chapman & Isaac Stearns & their Estates from the fourth District and annex them to the fifth school District.

Given under our hand and seal at Bethel this thirteenth day of February A D. 1809.

John Kilgore Jr.	}	Selectmen
Isaac Town		of
Samuel Kimball		Bethel
turn over		

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Bethel March 4th. 1809

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

John Russell

Bethel March 4th. 1809

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of said town assembled at the time & place therein mentioned, and passed the following votes (viz).

- 1st made choice of Lt. Moses Bartlett moderator of said meeting.
- 2ly made choice of Timothy Carter Clerk.
- 3ly made choice of Timothy Carter Treasurer.
- 4ly made choice of John Kilgore Jr. / Selectmen

Samuel Kimball } & Assessors
Jonathan Abbott } of Bethel

5ly voted to have the collections of taxes set up at vendue & struck off the the lowest bidder, and was struck off to Mr. Moses Mason, for six cents on the Dollar, his Bondsman, Timothy Carter & Theodore Russell & excepted by said town. Then said Mason was chosen Constable for the ensuing year.

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Highway Surveyors

Daniel Gage .

Walter Mason

John Stearns .

Reuben Bartlett

Peter York

Richard Estes

John Ellinwood .

Esq. Twitchell

Thomas Frost .

Silas Powers .

Solomon Annas .

Thomas Stearns was appointed Tythingman.

Timothy Carter was appointed Pound Keeper.

Field Drivers

Moses Mason

Daniel Grout .

Nathan Marble .

School Committee

Timothy Carter

Eliphaz Chapman

Capt. John Holt .

Surveyors of Lumber

John Kilgore Jr. .

Lt. Jonathan Clark .

Solomon Annas Jr. .

John York .

Fence Viewers

John Ellinwood .

Walter Mason .

Jeremiah Andrews

Capt. John Holt .

Charles Stearns .

Hog Reeves

Ebenezer Greenwood

Thomas Jackman .

Jonas Willis .

Jonathan Ayer .

Abel Gossom

Samuel Robinson

Bethel March 4th. 1809

All the before named Officers were sworn before Timothy Carter & Eli Twitchell Esq. that have no dot prefixed to the left hand of their names, to the faithful discharge of their several Offices as the law directs.

Money voted

To repair Highways	\$700. —
for the support of schools	250. —
to defray town charges	150. —

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Voted to have the said school Money divided by the Scholars.
Voted to set off Mr. Joseph Ayer & Samuel Ayer & Samuel Ayer and their Estate from the second school District and annex them to the first school District.

Voted to give Twelve cents per Hour on the Highway.

Voted to allow the following Accounts (viz).

John Kilgore Jr. Account	\$12.51
Samuel Kimball Ditto	6.--
Isaac Town Ditto	7.--
Timothy Carter's Ditto for Treasurer	5.--

Lieut Moses Bartlett Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

A Warrant March 20th. 1809

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting.
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified to vote for Representative to meet at the Centre School - House, in said Bethel on Monday the third day of April next, at three O'clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a County Treasurer.

Given under our hands & seals this twentieth day of March
AD. 1809.

John Kilgore Jr.	}	Selectmen
Jonathan Abbott		of Bethel

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Bethel March 21th 1809

Pursuant to the with Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants
of said town quallified as within mentioned to meet at the
time & place, and for the purposes within mentioned.

Moses Mason Constable

Bethel April 3^d 1809

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants therein ment-
ioned met at the time and place and gave in their votes as follows
(viz)

for Levi Hubbard Esq.	74 votes
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Bethel April 3^d 1809

Personally appeared John Kilgore Jr., Samuel Kimball & Jonathan
Abbott selectmen of Bethel & took the Oath by law proscribed.

by or before Timothy Carter Jus. Peace.

Bethel April 3^d 1809

Pursuant to a Warrant of this date the Inhabitants of said town
assembled at said time and place & voted as follows (viz).

For Governor.

Hon. Levi Lincoln had	73 votes
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Hon. Christopher Gore had 29 Votes
For Lt. Governor.

Hon. Joseph B. Varnum had 74 votes

" David Cobb " 28 "

" Levi Lincoln " 1 "

" Christopher Gore " 1 "

For Senatores & Counsellors.

John Woodman Esq. Had 75 votes

Elexander Rice " 75 "

Nathan Merrill " 30 "

Joseph Lelan Esq. " 30 "

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

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A Warrant April 20th. 1809

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age, and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold Estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds; or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the centre School-House in said town on Monday the first day of May next, at one pf the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to Represent them to the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands & seals at said Bethel the 20th day of April AD 1809.

John Kilgore Jr. { Selectmen
Jonathan Abbott { of
Bethel

Bethel April 25th 1809

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein mentioned; to meet at the time and place and for purposes therein mentioned.

Moses Mason Constable.

Bethel May 1st 1809

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants assembled & made choice of Mr. Eliphaz Chapman Representative.

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk.

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A Warrant dated Feb. 8th 1810

To Moses Mason Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of Commonwealth of Massachesutts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town, quallified by law to vote in town meetings (viz)

such as pay to one single tax besides the poll, or polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single poll tax, to meet and assemble at the center School house in said Bethel, on Monday the fifth day of March next at ten O'clock in the forenoon, to Act on the following Articles (viz).

1ly To choose a Moderator.

2ly To choose a Clerk.

3ly To choose a Treasurer.

4ly To choose Selectmen.

5ly To choose Assessors and all other town Officers, that the law requires.

6ly To see how much Money the town will raise for schools and defray other town charges for the present year.

7ly To see if the town will grant Money to build a Pound.

8ly To see how the town will divide the school Money for the

present year, and Act upon any other matter that the town shall think proper when met.

Given under our hands & seals this eighth day of February AD 1810

John Kilgore Jr.	{	Selectmen
Jonathan Abbott		of Bethel

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Bethel March 5th. 1810

Pursuant to a Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and palce, and for the purposes within mentioned.

Moses Mason Constable of Bethel.

March 5th. A D. 1810

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of Bethel, therein expressed, met at the time and place and passed the following votes (viz).

- 1ly made choice of Eli Twitchell Esq. Moderator.
- 2ly made choice of Timothy Carter town Clerk.
- 3ly made choice of Timothy Carter town Treasurer. X
- 4ly made choice {

John Kilgore Jr.	{	Selectmen
Lt. Jonathan Abbott		&
Peter York		Assessors

5ly set up the collection of taxes at Auction to be struck off to the lowest bider, and accordingly was struck off, Mr. Moses Mason at eight cents on a dollar, Esq. Twitchell & Mr. Theodore Russell appeared for his bondsman & were excepted by the town — Then apponted Mr. Moses Mason Constable for the ensuing year.

Highway Surveyors
 Samuel Ayer -
 Reuben Bartlett X

John Ellinwood
 Thomas Stearns X
 Ebenezer Eames

Capt. Daniel Grout
Thomas Cushman
Jesse Bean -
James Grover

Silas Powers X
Samuel Kimball -

Turn over.-----

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Surveyors of Lumber
John Kilgore Jr. -
Solomon Annas
Peter York -
Lt. Jonathan Clark
Fence viewers
John Chase X
Jedideah Burbank
Ens. Thaddeus Bartlett X
Eli Twitchell Esq.
Stephen Bartlett
Reuben Bartlett
Tything men
Jeremiah Andrews X
Deacon Samuel Barker

Field drivers
Moses Mason
Jeremiah Andrews X
Thomas Fletcher
School Committee
Timothy Carter
Samuel B. Locke
James Walker
Hog Reeves
Ephriam Powers X
James Hodsdon X
Foxwell Swan X
Eleazor Twitchell Jr.

Appointed Mr. Peter York Auctioneer.

7ly voted to raise two Hundred and fifty Dollars for the support of Schooling the present year.

8ly voted to raise six Hundred Dollars to be laid out on the Highways the present year.

voted to give one Dollar per day for Labour, in the month of June & July and for what Labour is done after time at 67 cents per day.

9ly voted to have a Pound built in said town, then appointed a Committee, (viz).

Timothy Carter, Capt. John Holt & Capt. Daniel Grout for said Committee, to make a plan of said Pound, and to obtain a Peice

of land as near the centre of said town as possible to set said Pound on, and likewise to compute the expense, and report at the next meeting.

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10ly voted to have the school Money divided according to the number of Scholars. voted to have Interest paid on Mr. Walker's Consession Note, from this time forward while it is paid or the Execution taken out.

voted to have the School Committee make a selection of such Book as they think will be most suitable to use in School, and lay the same before the town for their approbation. —

March 5th 1810

Personally appeared the before named Officers before Eli Twitchell Esq. & Timothy Carter, who have not this mark X affixed to their names, and were sworn as the law requires.

Voted to dissolve said meeting.

Eli Twitchell Esq Moderator

Timothy Carter town Clerk

A Warrant dated the twelfth day of March A D 1810.

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn Inhabitants of the said town of Bethel of twenty one years of age and upward, having a freehold estate within said Commonwealth, of the anual income of three Pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet

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at the school-House in the third district in said Bethel, on

Monday the second day of April next, at ten of the clock in the fore noon to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor and Senators & Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Bethel this twelfth day of March AD. 1810.

John Kilgore Jr.	{	Selectmen
Jonathan Abbott		of
Peter York		Bethel

Bethel March 12th. 1810

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I duly notify the Freeholders and Inhabitants of said Bethel quallified to vote in the election of Governor, Lieut. Governor Counsellors and senators, assemble and meet at middle Intervale school-House on Monday the second day of April next.

Moses Mason Constable

Bethel April 2^d. 1810

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Inhabitants of said Bethel, therein expressed, met at the time and place therein mentioned and gave in the following votes (viz).

For Governor:

Hon Elbridge Gerry Esq.	70 votes
His Excel. Christopher Gore Esq.	33 "
His Hon. David Cobb Esq.	1 "
William Gray Esq.	1 "

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For Lt. Governor

William Gray Esq.	74 votes
His Hon. David Cobb	32 "
Hon Elbridge Gerry Esq.	1 "

For Senator

Hon John Woodman Esq.	76 votes
Hon Alexander Rice Esq.	75 "
Joseph Leland Esq.	32 "
Samuel A. Bradley Esq.	28 "
Nathan Merrill	2 "

March 12th A D. 1810

A Warrant dated this day.

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote in town meetings (viz). such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to a single Poll tax to meet and assemble at the Scool-House in the third District in said Bethel on Monday the second day of April next at eleven Oclock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (viz).

1ly To choose a Moderator

2ly To see if the town will make any alterations in the school Districts in said town.

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3ly To give in their votes for County Treasurer.

4ly To see if the town will except any reports that may be brought of roads in said town, and Act on any other matter the town shall think proper when met.

Given under our hands and seals at said Bethel, this twelfth day of March AD 1810.

John Kilgore Jr.	}	Selectmen
Jonathan Abbott		of
Peter York		Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have notified and warned the said Inhabitants as the law directs, the twelfth day of March A D 1810.

Moses Mason

Bethel April 2^d 1810.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants met at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, and passed the following votes (viz).

- 1ly made choice of Lieut Moses Bartlett Moderator.
- 2ly gave in for Capt. Henry Rust for County Treasurer - 68 votes.
- 3ly voted to let the second School District have what Money they pay for the support of schooling to lay out in their own District.

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4ly voted to set off Mr. Eliphaz Chapman, Timothy Chapman, Samuel Chapman & Isaac Stearns from the fourth school District and annex them and their Estates to the fifth school District north side of the great river.

5ly voted to except the plan of a Pound presented by a committee appointed for that purpose, then voted to set up the building said Pound to the lowest bidder, and to have it done by the tenth day of July next, and was struck off to Mr. David Burbank for Twenty one Dollars & fifty cents. Then made choice of a Committee to superintend the building said Pound and except the same when done (viz) Timothy Carter, Samuel B. Lock said Committee and likewise to take a lease of the ground where the Pound is to stand.

Lieut Moses Bartlett Moderator
Timothy Carter town Clerk.

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twently one years of age and upwards and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the centre School House in Bethel on Wednesday the second day of May next at eleven O clock in the forenoon for the purpose of choosing one Representatives, to represent them at the general Court, appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wedensday of May next.

given under our hands & seals, at said Bethel the seventh day of April A D 1810.

John Kilgore Jr.	{	Selectmen
Jonathan Abbott		of Bethel

May 2^d 1810. At a legal meeting the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel they made choice of John Kilgore Jr. to represent them in the general Court the ensuing year.

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote in town mettings (viz) such as pay to one single tax beside the Poll or Polls a sum equal to single Poll tax to meet and assemble at the school-House in the third district in said Bethel on Wednesday the second day of May next at twelve O clock in the day to Act on the following Articles (viz)-

1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2ly To see if the town will vote to meet on the fourth of July next to celebrate the day and choose a Committee to regulate said and act on anything or mater relating there unto.

3ly To see if the town will do anything about building a town House or meeting House and to transact any building relating thereunto, as they shall think proper when met.

4ly To see if the town will make any provision for the Militia in this town to cross the River on training days free from feraye or tole.

Given under our hands and seals this Seventh day of April
A D 1810

John Kilgore Jr.
Jonathan Abbott

} Selectmen
of Bethel

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Bethel May 2^d 1810

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel, they passed the following votes (viz).

1ly made choice of Capt. E. Twitchell moderator of said meeting.

2ly voted to meet at the midle Intervale on the fourth of July next.

3ly voted to choose a Committee to make arrangements for said day, and appoint an Orator for that day to deliver an Oration, and said Committee are to inspect said Ora tion before it is delived in public.

appointed Timothy Carter

Lt. Moses Bartlett

Eli Twitchell Esq.

Moses Mason

Capt. E. Twitchell

Decon Asa Kimball Jr.

Col. John York. —

for said Committee. Then voted to invite the Militia to attend under arms.

voted not to do anything about a town House or meeting House —

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

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Warrant October 20th. 1810

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said town of Bethel duly qualified to vote for Representative in the General Court of said Commonwealth (viz) the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of the value fifty pounds of real estate or any estate value of sixty pounds, to assemble at the centre School-House in said town on Monday the fifth day of November next at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their vote for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the York District.

Given under our hands and seals this twentieth Day of October A D 1810 —

John Kilgore Jr.	}	Selectmen
Jonathan Abbott		of Bethel

Bethel November 5th. 1810

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants within expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Moses Mason Constable

Bethel November 5th. 1810

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said town assembled at the time and place therein named and gave in their votes for the following Persons (viz).

for the Hon. Richard Cutts	36 votes
" " " Cyrus King	11 "

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

Bethel Oct. 20th. 1810. A Warrant

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel — Greeting.
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote in town meetings (viz) such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax to assemble at the Centre School - House in said Bethel on the fifth day of November next at two of the clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles (viz)

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2ly To see if the town will vote to build a Magazine and raise Money for the same.
- 3ly To choose a Committee to build said House or Magazine.
- 4ly To see if the town will except of roads laid out in paid town and discontinue a road laid out in the fifth school district north side of the River.

Given under our hands and seals this 20 day of Oct. A D 1810.

John Kilgore Jun.	} Selectmen
Jonathan Abbott	
	Bethel

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Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the within named Inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the within mentioned purposes.

Moses Mason Constable

Bethel November 5th 1810

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel, they passed the following votes (viz)

1ly made choice of Capt. John Holt Moderator.

2ly voted to build a Magazine, and to have it stand on Doct. T. Carter's land in the most convenient place not far from the House where he now lives.

3ly voted to have said House built round and with brick to have a good platform made with flat stones for the flooring and for said House to stand on, and the walls of said House to be the length of one brick thick, six feet eight inches high from the sell of the door before the Arch of the roof is began and 6 feet and 8 inches then in diamater from out edge to out edge, to be arched over in a handsome manner, all to be laid in good lime morter, and all to be done in a workmanlike manner. Said House is to have a good and sufficient door will hung with a good locke and key to the same.

4ly Voted to set the building said House up at auction to see who will build said House for the last summer. And was struck off to Mr. Daniel Bean to build and find all and have it done by the first day of October AD 1811 for the sum of Seventeen Dollars. Then made choice of Timothy Carter, Maj. Amos Hills & Lt. John Russell a Committee to pitch on the spot to set said House, and superintend the building the same, and except it when done.

Capt. John Holt Moderator. _____

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk.

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Bethel December 7th 1810 A Warrant

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summons and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote in town meetings (viz) such as pay to one tax, besides the poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single poll tax, to assemble at the centre school-House in Bethel, on Monday the seventeenth day of December next, at one of the clock in the afternoon to act the following Articles (viz).

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2ly To see if the town will Petition to the General Court, for Liberty to sell their public lands and choose a Committee, or act on any business relating thereunto as the town shall think proper when met.
- 3ly to see if the town will establish the width of the several roads in said town heretofore laid out, which have not been established. _____

Given under our hands and seals this 30 day of November AD 1810.

John Kilgore Jun.	}	Selectmen
Jonathan Abbott		of Bethel

Bethel December 7th 1810

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the within Inhabitants to meet at the time and place within mentioned and for the purposes therein named.

Moses Mason Constalbe of Bethel
Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk.

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Bethel December 17th 1810

At a legal town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel they passed the following votes (viz).

1ly. made choice of Lieut. Moses Bartlett Moderator to regulate said meeting.

2ly. made schoice of Timothy Carter, John Killgore Jun. and Capt. John Holt a Committeeto petition the Legislature of this Commonwealth in behalf of said town for liberty to sell the public lands in said town.

3ly. voted to have all the cross roads in said town laid out three rods wide which are not already established by said town.

4ly voted to reconsider the last mentioned vote.

5ly voted to pass over the Article respecting the width of cross roads in said town.

Capt. John Holt Moderator
Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk.

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Warrant Feb. 15th. 1811

To Moses Mason Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting.
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachesutts, to summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Bethel quallified by Law to vote in town meetings (viz) such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax to assemble at the centre School-House in said Bethel on Monday the fourth day of March next, at ten O clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles (viz).

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2 " To choose a Clerk.
- 3 " To choose a Treasurer.
- 4 " To choose Assessors and Selectmen.
- 5 " To choose all other town Officers that is necessary to be chosen in said town.
- 6 " To see what sum of Money the town will raise to repair

the roads in said town.

7 " To see what sum of Money the town will raise for Schooling and to defray other town Charges.

8 " To see how the school-Money shall be divided in the town, and how much of it shall be kept out or expended in the summer.

9 " To see if the town will except of roads laid out in said town, and to say how wide the several roads in said town shall be, that were heretofore laid out in said town.

10" To see if the town will chose a Committe,

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to hire school-Masters and Mistresses in said town for the year ensuing, and act any other matters that shall come before said town and appear necessary to act upon on said day.

Given under our hands and seals this 15th day of Feb.
D. D. 1811.

Jonathan Abbott } Selectmen
Peter York } Bethel

Bethel March 4th 1811

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have notified and summoned the within named Inhabitants of said town to meet at the time and place appointed and for the purposes within named.

Moses Mason Constable

Bethel March 4th 1811

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants met and passed the following Votes (viz).

- 1ly made choice of Eli Twitchell Esq. Moderator.
- 2 " made choice of Timothy Carter town Clerk.
- 3 " made choice of Timothy Carter town Treasurer.

4 " made choice Eli Twitchell Esq. } Selectmen
 Jonathan Abbott } and Assessors
 Peter York } for said town

5 " Voted to have the collection of taxes set up at auction
 and struck off to the lowest bidder.
 Voted to have two Collectors one in east Parish.

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The collection of taxes in the West Parish was struck off to
 Mr. Nathaniel Swan for six and an half cents on a Dollar, John
 Kilgore Jr. and Charles Stearns appeared for his Bondsmen and
 were excepted by the town.

The collection of taxes in the east Parish were struck off to
 Mr. Ephrain Powers for six Cents on a Dollar. Deacon Asa Kimball
 and Arnold Powers appeared for his Bondsmen and were excepted
 by the town.

Highway Surveyors

Jesse Bean

Deacon Sam Barker

David Blake

Walter Mason

Reuben Bartlett

Peter York

Samuel Ayer

✱ Ezekiel Dustin

Col A. Hastings

Thomas Frosts

Ephrain Rowe

Surveyors of Lumber

Maj. A. Hills

John Kilgore Jr.

David Burbank

Fence Viewers

Jedediah Grover

John Ellinwood

Capt. John Holt

Arnold Powers

Jonas Willis

Tythingmen

Ens. T. Bartlett

Capt. P. Twitchell

Field Drivers

Maj. A. Hills

Jeremiah Andrews

Hog Reeves

Edmund Chapman

✱ James Walker

Timothy Hastings

✱ William Estes

† Jeremiah Andrews Jr.
† William Andrews
John Mills

Robins Brown
Elijah Bartlett

Bethel March 4th 1811

Personally appeared Timothy Carter town Clerk and town Treasurer and was sworn into those Offices as the Law directs before Eli Twitchell Justice of the Peace.

Bethel March 4th 1811

Personally appeared the before named Officers who has not this mark † prefixed to their names and took the several Oaths by Law required before

Timothy Carter Jus. Peace.

Voted to raise Monies for the following purposes.

For the support of Highways	\$600.--
For the support of Schooling	350.--
For defraying town charges	150.--

Voted to have the labour which may be done before the first of Sept. tasked at one Dollar per day.

Voted to have the School Money divided by the no. of Scholars in each school District; except Col. York's District who are to draw out as much money as they pay in Schooling.

Voted to have School Money laid out in the following manner (viz) two thirds in the winter and one third in the summer.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of April next at two in the afternoon at the centre School-House in Bethel.

Eli Twitchell Esq. Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk.

Warrant March 18th. 1811 —

To Nathaniel Swan one of the Constables of the town of Bethel
Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the male Inhabitants of the said town of Bethel of Twenty one years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the anual income of three Pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty Pounds to meet at the Central School-House in said town on the first Monday and first day of April next at eleven of the Clock in the forenoon, to give in their votes a Governor Lieut Governor and Senators and Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Bethel this
18th day of March A D. 1811 —

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And also County Treasurer and Register.

Eli Twitchell	}	Selegtmen
Peter York		Bethel

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have n otified and warned the male Inhabitatns of said town quallified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Nathaniel Swan Constable

Bethel April 1th. 1811

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants met and gave in their votes as follows (viz).

For Gov. Elbridge Gerry had 77 votes

For Gov. Christopher Gore had 33 Ditto

For Lt. Gov. William Gray had 77 Ditto

For Lt. Gov. Deacon W. Phillips had 33 Ditto

For Senators

John Woodman had 71 votes

Alexander Rice had 70 Ditto

Joseph Leland had 34 Ditto

Samuel A. Bradly had 31 Ditto

Nathan Morrill 3 Ditto

Votes given in for County Treasurer.

Henry Rust had 78 votes.

Votes given for County Register

Joseph Rust Esq. had 70 votes.

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Eli Twitchell Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter Town Clerk

Bethel April 1st. 1811

Personally appeared Eli Twitchell Esq. Lt. Jonathan Abbott & Peter York and were sworn to the faithfull discharge of their duty as Selectmen in all Elections and returns thereof, - before Timothy Carter Jus. Peace.

Adjournments of March meeting agreeable to the Adjournments of the March meetings the Inhabitants met and passed the following votes. (viz).

- 1ly Voted to have the road on the North side of the great River three rods wide where it has not been before established.
- 2" Voted to have the great road leading from Capt. E. Twitchell's to Gilead line be laid out four rods wide.
- 3" Voted to have the road leading from Mr. Joseph G. Swan's to Mr. David Blake's Mills three rods wide.
- 4" Voted to pass over the tenth Article.
- 5" made choice of Timothy Carter, James Walker and Deac. Asa Kimball a school Committee.
- 6" Voted to have the Scholars confined to their own Districts.

Eli Twitchell Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

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A Warrant April 24th. 1811

To Nathaniel Swan one of the Constables of the Town of Bethel
Greeting. _____

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town, being Twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a free hold estate to the value of sixty pounds or any estate the incomoe of three pounds to meet at the Centre School House in said Bethel on Monday the sixth day of May, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon for the purpose of Choosing one Representation to Represent them at the General Court Appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May A.D. 1811. _____

Given under our hands and seals at said Bethel the Twenty

fourth day of April A.D. 1811.

Eli Twitchell
Jona. Abbott

Bethel April 27th 1811

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Nath. Swan Constable

Bethel May 6th 1811

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrants the Inhabitants met and made choice of Mr. Moses Mason for their Representative.

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk.

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A Warrant April 24th 1811

To Nathaniel Swan one of the Constables of the town of Bethel
Greeting. _____

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote in town meetings (viz) such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax to meet and Assemble at the Centre School House in Bethel on Monday the sixth day of May at one of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (viz).

- 1^{ly} To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2nd To choose an Agent to the Courts of Common Pleas at Paris the 2 Tuesday of May to answer to the order of Notice that

hath been served for a road towards Howard's Gore, and Act anything relating thereto as the town shall think fit when met.

3" To take under consideration the road to Mr. Blake's Mills in regard to its being fenced up and vote such Orders as the town shall think expedient with regard to opening said road and establishing the same.

4" To revise the jury men box as the law directs.

5" To see if the town will set Aaron Abbot off to the fourth District south the River.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty fourth day of April A D. 1811 _____

Eli Twitchell }
Jona. Abbott }

Selectmen
of
Bethel

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Bethel April 27th 1811

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. _____

Nathaniel Swan Constable

Bethel May 6th 1811

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants as therein named met and passed the following votes (viz).

- 1ly made choice of Lt. Moses Bartlett Moderator.
- 2" Voted to postpone acting on the second and third Articles untile they had acted on the fourth article.
- 3" Voted to except the Jury list as made out by the select Men.
- 4" Voted to choose an Agent to remonstrate aganist Mr. Howard's Road Petition, and made choice of Mr. John York for said Agent.

- 5 Voted to have the Selectmen Open the road throug Mr. John Case's land, leading from Mr. Joseph G. Swan's to Mr. David Black's mills some way or other. _____

Lt. Moses Bartlett Moderator
Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

Oxford ss. July 10th 1811

Personally appeared Jonathan Abbott and Peter York Assessors for the town of Bethel and were sworn to the faithfull performance of their duty as Assessors in taking an Invoice of the town Inhabitants

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in the year A.D. 1811 as the law directs.
before Eli Twitchell Jus. Peace

Bethel July 15th 1811

Personally appeared Eli Twitchell Esq. one of the Assessors of the town of Bethel for the Year A. D. 1811 and was sworn as the law directs for taking the Valuation. _____

before Timothy Carter Jus. Peace.

A Warrant Sept 27th 1811

To Nathaniel Swan one of the Constables of the town of Bethel —
Greeting.

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote in town meetings (viz) such as pay to one Single Poll tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax to meet and Assemble at the Centre School House in said Bethel on Monday the Seventh day of Oct. next at one o'f the clock P. M. to act on the following Articles (viz)

1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

- 2" To take into consideration the requests of Jesse Bean and others.
- 3" To see if the town will raise Money to build Pleasant River Bridge anew and to repair the road over the whales Back.

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4ly To see if the town except the straiting the road from Pleasant River Bridge to Jesse Bean's house.

- 5" To Act upon any other matter the town shall think expedient when met.

You are to make due return.

Given under our hands and seals this Twenty Seventh day of Sept.
A. D. 1811.

Eli Twitchell	Selectmen
Jon ^a Abbott	of Bethel

Bethel Sept. 28th 1811

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Nathaniel Swan Constable

Bethel Oct. 7th 1811

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants met and passed the following Votes (viz).

- 1ly made choice of Lt. Moses Bartlett Mod. _____
- 2" Voted choose a Committee to view Pleasant River Bridge and made choice of Timothy Carter, Lt. Moses Bartlett & Eli Twitchell for said Committee. _____
- 3" Voted to pass over the third Article.
- 4" Voted to execpt the straitning of the road from Jesse Bean's

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

A Warrant Oct. 23^d 1811

To Nathaniel Swan one of the Constables of the town of Bethel
Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Bethel quallified by law to vote in town meetings (viz) such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll tax, to meet and assemble at the Centre School-House in Bethel on saturday the second day of November next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles (viz).

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said M.
- 2" To receive the reports of Committee chosen by the town to examine and consult upon building Pleasant River Bridge.
- 3" To raise Money to build said Bridge if the town think proper when met or transact any business relative thereto. _____
- 4 To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of Money to repair the Road from Gilead line on the north side of the River to Mr. Moses Mason's in said town; or to act upon anything relating thereto. _____
- 5" To Act upon any other matters the town shall think proper when met. _____

Given under our hands and seals

Twenty third day of Oct. A. D. 1811 _____

Eli Twitchell	}	Selectmen of Bethel
Jon. ^a Abbott		

Bethel October 26th. 1811

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Nathaniel Swan Constable

Bethel November 2^d 1811

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants assemble and passed the following votes (viz).

- 1^{ly} made choice of John Kilgore Jun. Moderator
- 2["] Voted not to except the report of a Committee on Pleasant River Bridge.
- 3["] Voted to pass over the fourth Article.
- 4["] Voted to do something about Pleasant River Bridge.
- 5["] Voted to rasie two Hundred Dollars to be laid out on roads in such a manner as a Committee chosen for that purpose may think neccessary.
- 6["] made choice of Timothy Carter, Deac Asa Kimball & Lt. Jon.^a Abbott for the above said Committee
- 7["] Voted to reconsider the fifth vote (viz) to raise two Hundred Dollars.

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- 8["] Voted to dissolve this meeting.

John Kilgore Jun.^r Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

A Warrant March 20th 1812

To Ebenezer Bean an Inhabitant of the town of Bethel Greeting.
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the male Inhabitants of the town of Bethel of twenty one years of Age and upwards having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the anual income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty to meet at the Centre School-House in Bethel

on Monday the sixth day of April next, at one Clock in the afternoon to give in their Vote for Govenor, Lt. Govenor, Senators & Counsellors of this Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this 20th day of March A D 1812

Jona th . Abbott	Selec ^t men
Peter York	Bethel

Bethel March 21th. 1812

Pursuant to the within warrant I duly notified the free-holders and other Inhabitants of the said town of Bethel quallified to vote in the choice of

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Govenour, Lt. Govenor, Senators & Counlsellors agreeable to the Constitution to assemble to the Centre School-House April the sixth day at one O clock in the afternoon.

Ebenezer Bean (An Inhabitant of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel, quallified as therein expressed and gave in their Votes as follows (viz).

For Govenor.

His Execllency Elbridge Gerry Esq. had eighty six votes

His Hon. Caleb Strong Esq. had fourty one votes

For Lt. Govenor

His Hon. William Philips Esq. had fourty three votes

His Hon. William Gray Esq. had one vote

His Hon. William King Esq. had one vote for Govenor.

Senators

Eleazor W. Ripley Esq. had eighty four votes.

Jonathan Page Esq. had eighty four votes.

Ebenezer Poor Esq. had eighty four votes.

Mathew Cobb Esq. had forty two votes.

Lothorp Lewis Esq. had forty two votes.

Daniel Stowell Esq. had forty two votes.

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk.

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Henry Rust Esq. had ninty votes given in by the Inhabitants of Bethel for a County Treasurer.

John Kilgore Jun. Moderator.

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk of said Bethel.

A Warrant April 6th. 1812

To Nathaniel Swan one of the Constables of the town of Bethel.

Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of Bethel quallified by law to vote in town meetings and town Officers, to meet and assemble at the Centre School-House in said Bethel, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of this present month at nine O'clock in the forenoon to Act on the following Articles (viz).

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2ly To choose a Clerk.
- 3ly To choose Selectmen & Assessors.
- 4ly To choose a Treasurer.
- 5ly To choose a Collector and Constable.
- 6ly To choose all other town Officers which is neccessary to be chosen in our anual meetings.
- 7th To raise Money to repair the roads in said town.
- 8ly To raise Money for the support of Schooling.
To raise Money to defray town charges.
- 9ly To see what method the town will take respecting the road by John Case's.

- 10th To see what method the town will direct the Trustees of the public to take respecting the sale of the same.
- 11th To see what method the town will take to keep the road open in the winter.
- 12th To see if the town will fix a day to hold the annual meetings at Bethel.

Given under our hands and seals on this sixth day of April
A D 1812.

Eli Twitchell	Selectmen
Jon. ^a Abbott	Bethel

Bethel April 6th. 1812

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Nath.^l Swan Constable.

Bethel April 14th. 1812.

Pursuant to the fore going Warrant bearing date April 6th. AD 1812 the Inhabitants assembled as therein expressed at the time and place and passed the following Votes (viz).

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|-----|---|-----------|
| 1ly | Made choice of John Kilgore Jun. Moderator. | |
| 2ly | Made choice of Timothy Carter town Clerk. | |
| 3ly | Made choice of Eli Twitchell Esq. | Selectmen |
| | Lt. Jonathan Abbott | & |
| | Capt. John Holt | Assessors |
| 4ly | Made choice of Timothy Carter Treasurer. | |
| 5ly | Voted to set up the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder and accordingly was set up and struck of to Mr. Eben. ^r Bean for four | |

and an half Cents on the Dollar.

Capt. John Holt &
Lt. Jonathan Abbot

appeared for his bondsmen and were excepted by a vote of the town.
Then the said town appointed Mr. Eben^b Bean Collector & Constable

Highway Surveyer

Surveyors of Lumber

Issac Town

Joseph Twitchell

Capt. Daniel Grout

Maj. Amos Hills

Walter Mason

David Burbank

Capt. John Holt

James Annas

Samuel Kimball

John Killgore Jur.

Amos Bean

Jonas Willis

Tything-Men

Thomas Frost

Jonas Willis

Ezra Twitchell Jun.

Ens. Jonas Meriam

Ens. Cyrus Twitchell

James Walker Esq.

John Case

Fence Viewers

Benj. Annas

John Barker

Daniel Grout

Field Drivers

Capt. John Holt

^{50/15}
Rofins Brown

Lt. Mosses Bartlett

Lt. John Russell

John Merrill

Ens. T. Bartlett

Simeon Twitchell

Lt. Jon^a Abbot

Ens. Thad. Bartlett

John Barker

Voted to choose a Committee

Sealers of Leather

to consist of three to examine

Jedediah Burbank

such pecies of the Highways in

Joshua Roberts —

this town as may be though,

Appointed Lt. John Russell

can be atttered for the better;

Pound Keeper

then made choice of Timothy

Carter, Samuel Kimball & John Bank for said Purpose

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Hog Reeves Appointed

School Committee Appointed.

Daniel Gage
Theodore Russell
Elihu Killgore
Moses Kimball
Will.^m Staples
Isaac Stearns
Benj. Blake
James Grover Jun.
Hammon Holt. —

Timothy Carter —
James Walker Esq.
Lt. Moses Bartlett
Oxford ss Bethel April 14th.
AD 1812 Personally appeared the
before named Officers who have
not this mark ~~≠~~ affixed to
their names and took the several
Oaths by law required before
Timothy Carter J.P.

Oxford ss. Bethel April 14th. 1812 Personally appeared Timothy
Carter and took the Oath as Clerk and Treasurer as the law directs
before James Walker Justice Peace.

Voted to raise one thousand Dollars to be laid out on the High-
way this year, to be laid out in the following manner (viz.) —
men's labour which may be done from the first of June next to the
last of September following shall be taxed at one Dollar per day
and Seventy five cents per day for Oxen and for men's labour after
that time Sixty Seven cents pr. day and Oxen at fifty cents pr.
day. Voted to have the several Surveyors hire the plougers and
other untentials as cheap as they can. _____
Voted to raise three Hundred & fifty Dollars for the support of
Schooling the insuing Season. _____

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Voted to pass over the Article of raising money to defray town
charges. _____

Voted to give liberty to the Trustees to sell the public Lands in
such a manner as they may think will be most beneficial to the
town. _____

Voted to have each Surveyor of Highways call on those who have not

worked out their tax on the road to help brake the roads in the Winter; and if labour of this kind cannot be procured sufficient to keep the roads open they shall procure other labour to help open the roads in the Winter and their labour shall be taken out of their next High-way tax. _____

Voted to have the Selectmen lay out a road from Mr. Joseph G. Swan's to Mr. David Blake's Mills according to law and make report of their doings at the adjournment of this meeting. _____

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting the first Monday of May next at the Centre School House in Bethel at one O clock in afternoon.

John Killgore Jun. Moderator. _____

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk. _____

Bethel May 4th 1812

Pursuant to the above adjournment the Inhabitants met and passed the following Votes(viz)

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Voted to except Timothy Carter's Accounts as exhibited to the town (viz)

To allow him \$ 2 pr. year for the last 10 years of his services in recording the doings of said town, making a Sum of _____ \$20.-- like wise voted to allow Timothy Carter one pr. cent on what money he may have collected as Treasurer which has next otherwise been settled for. _____

Voted that the town are satisfied in the Corporation of the Trustees for the sale of the public lands in said town. _____

Voted not to except of the report of the Selectmen in laying out the road from Mr. Joseph G. Swan's to Mr. Blake's Mills, and to town line.

Then voted to choose a Committee to lay out said road. Appointed Timothy Carter, Sam^l Kimball & John Barker a committee for said

service, then appointed Capt. Eleazer Twitchell Surveyor in addition to the above Committee.

Voted to have said Committee report their doings to the town on the third Thursday of May current at the Centre School-House by 4 Oclock P.M.

Voted to hold their next anual meeting on the first Monday of April next.

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting the third Thursday of May current at the Centre School-House at 4 Oclock P.M.

John Killgore Jun. Moderator. _____

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk. _____

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Oxford ss. Bethel May 4th. 1812

Personally appeared Eli Twitchell Esq., Lieut. Jonathan Abbot & Capt. John Holt, Selectmen of said Bethel, and took the Oath by Law required respecting all Elections and the returns thereof, before me.

Timothy Carter Justic P. _____

A Warrent April 22nd. 1812

To Ebenezer Bean Constable of the town of Bethel. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants quallified by law to Vote for Representatives to the General Courts, to meet and assemble at the Centre-School-House in Bethel, on the first Monday in May next, at three O,clock P.M. to make choice of a suitable Man to represent the said town at the general-Court, at Boston, the last Wednesday in May this present year.

And you are to make due return of this Warrent, and your doings previous to said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty second day of April AD. 1812.

Eli Twitchell
Jonathan Abbot

} Selectmen
of
Bethel

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Pursuant to the within Warrent I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said town quallified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Bethel April 24th. 1812.

Eben^r. Bean Constable.

Bethel May 4th. 1812

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the Inhabitants as therein expressed met at the time & place therein mentioned and made choice of Mr. Moses Mason for their Representative to the next general Court of this Commonwealth.

Attest Timothy Carter town Ck.

Bethel May 21th. 1812

Pursuant to an adjournment of a meeting held on the 4 day of May Inst. the Inhabitants met and passed the following Votes (viz).

Voted to except the report of a Committee appointed by the Selectmen to lay out a Road from Mr. Joseph Grely Swan's by Mr. Blake's Mills to the town line, as follows (viz) beginning at a Hemlock Tree on the town line, about two roods east of the Road as now traveled

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by the Wed(ow) Ozgood's in said Bethel, thence North 20 degrees west, 76 rods, thence North 26 rods, thence North 10 degrees west 178 rods, thence North 30 degrees west 40 rods, to the Centre of

the Road as it is now trod aganist Benj. Blake's House, thence North 56 degrees west 68 rods, thence North 60 degrees west 60 rods, thence North 20 degrees west 86 rods, thence North 57 degrees west 46 rods, thence North 40 degrees west 44 rods, thence 70 degrees west 34 rods, thence North 77 degrees west 122 rods, to the Centre of the road aganist James Annas' House, thence west 7 degrees South 114 rods, thence North 76 degrees west 116Rods, thence west 5 degrees south 96 rods, thence North 56 degrees west 90 rods, thence North North 70 degrees west 32 rods, to the County road, by the gide Board, near Mr. Joseph G. Swan's dwelling. — Making in the whole twelve Hundred and twenty eight rods; or three Miles, three quarters and twenty eight rods. — Said road is laid three rods wide, $1\frac{1}{2}$ rods each side of the points. We laid said road through land owned by the Wed.(ow) Ozgood, Benj. Blake's land, through Doct.^r Timothy Carter's land, through Solomon Annas' land, through James Annas' land, through John Case's land, through James Holt's land and John Walker's land. We saw the persons who owned the land through which the road runs, and they asked no damage and We assessed none. — It is our Opinion

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three Month is a sufficient time for the Owners to take off the Timber and produce which may be included in said road. —

Witness our hands this 21th of May A.D. 1812.

Timothy Carter

John Barker

Sam^l. Kimball

} Committee

} for laying

} said Road.

John Killfore Jun^r Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

A Warrent July 8th. 1812

To the Selectmen of Bethel.

Greeting.

We the Subscribers Petetioners humbly sheweth that a town meeting is excpedient in the said town of Bethel, for the following purposes as soon as may be.

1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2ly To take into Consideration the existing calamity of a War, and to come into such Orders & method of defence, as the town may think most safe, and for the General good.

3ly To choose such Committee or Committes as shall be thought best for the purpose.

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4ly To raise such sums of Money as will be sufficient to bring it into effect.

5ly To see if the town will raise the wages of the Malitia-Men.

6ly Act upon any matter that shall be thought best in the town.

John Killgore Jun.^r

Bezaleel Kendall

Ephraim Powers

John Cushman

John Merrill

John Russell

Jonathan Bean

Timothy A. Holt

Amos Hastings

Jonas Meriam

Eben.^r Bean

Reuben Bartlett

To Eben.^r Bean Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote in town meetings to meet and assemble at the Centre School-House in Bethel on Monday the thirteenth day of July inst. at one of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Acting on the above application of ten of legal Voters of Bethel.

Given under our hands and seals this eight day of July AD 1812 —

Eli Twitchell

Jona. Abbot

}

Selectmen

of
Bethel

Bethel July 8th 1812

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place therein mentioned.

Ebenezer Bean Constable

Bethel July 13th 1812 —

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel met at the time and place therein named and passed the following Votes (viz). _____

- 1ly Made choice of John Killgore Jun.^r Mod.
- 2ly Voted that all who are able to bear Arms shall equipt themselves, as soon as they can conveniently.
- 3ly Voted to have two Committees of safty to consist of three, one in each Parish; then appointed the following Persons for said Committees (viz). _____

Moses Mason

Jonas Willis

John Barker

Sam Kimball

Jon.^a Clark

Nath. Seger

- 4ly Voted to pass over the Articles of raising the wages of the Malitia-Men and rasing Money.

John Killgore Jun. Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

To Ebenezer Bean Constable for the town of Bethel. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town Bethel, quallified by law to Vote in town meetings to meet at assemble at the Centre School-House in said town of Saturday the twenty ninth day of this present Month, at

two of the clock in the after-noon, to act on the following Articles (viz). _____

- 1ly To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2ly To choose Agents to set in Convention at Paris for the purpose agreeing upon or choosing a suitable Person to Represent them a Congress.
- 3ly To act on any matter that the town shall think proper when met.

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this 21st.
day of Augt. A D 1812.

Jon^a. Abbot Selectmen
John Holt of Bethel

Bethel August 21th. A D. 1812.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned them to appear

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at the time, place, and for the purposes therein mentioned. _____
Ebenezer Bean Constable.

Bethel August 29th. 1812 _____

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel met and passed the following Votes(viz) 1ly Made choice of Lt. Moses Bartlett Moderator of said meeting.

2ly Voted to choose three deligates to set in Convention at Paris one in the Federal and two in the Republican convention _____ then voted that said Deligates shall not receive any more Money from the town for their servies than to defray their necessary expenses. _____

then made choice of Col. Amos Hastings, and Lt. Jonathan Powers and Timothy Carter for said Deligates. _____

Voted that all future warnings for town meetings shall be

posted up at three different places (viz) at the Centre School-House and each of the meeting Houses in said town.

Lieut Moses Bartlett Mod.

Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

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A Warrant Oct. 24th 1812.

To Ebenezer Bean Constable for the town of Bethel — Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet and assemble at the Centre School - House in Bethel on Monday the second day of Nov^r next at one O clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a suitable person to represent them in the Congress of the United States.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty fourth day of Oct. A D 1812. _____

John Abbot

Jon^a. Abbot

}

Selectmen

of Bethel. _____

Bethel Oct. 24th 1812 —

Pursuant to the within Warrant I notified the free holders and other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed. _____

Ebenezer Bean Constable. _____

Bethel Nov. 2^d 1812. _____

Pursuant to the above warrant the Inhabitants met, and gave in their Votes as follows (viz)

Hon. Levi Hubbard had forty five Votes

Ebenezer Tessesrdon Esq. had thirty four Votes. (Tessenden)

Esq. Twitchell M. Attest Tim. Carter Clerk.

A Warrant Oct. 26th. 1812. _____

To Ebenezer Bean Constable of the town of Bethel. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town meetings, to meet and assemble at the Centre-School-House in said Bethel on Monday the second day of November next, at two of the Clock in the after-noon to act on the following Articles (viz).

- 1^{ly} to choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting.
- 2^{ly} To see what method the town will take to repair the County road at the lower end of the town, that is complained of.
- 3^{ly} To choose any Committee or Agents the town shall think proper when met.
- 4^{ly} To Act anything the town shall think proper when met.

Given under our hands and seal this 26th day of Oct. AD 1812.

Jon. ^a Abbot	}	Selectmen
John Holt		of Bethel.

Bethel Oct 26th. AD 1812

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I notified the freeholders and Inhabitants to meet at the Centre School House and for the purposes therein expressed.

Ebenezer Bean Constable.

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Bethel Nov. 2^d. 1812.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants met and passed the following votes (viz). Appointed John Kilgore Jun. M.

- 1^{ly} Voted to have Mr. Amos Bean's Highway District make their road so good as to get the inditements off, and have what labour each Man does in repairing said road, over his present Highway tax taken out of his next Highway tax. _____

Voted to have the Selectmen employ some Man or Men to mend a Bridge on the Whale's Back, before the next Circuit Court of Common pleas in the County of Oxford. _____
Then made choice of Mr. Jonas Willis an Agent to defend the town against a Complaint for having bad roads, at the next Circuit Court of Common for the County of Oxford.

John Killgore Jun. Moderator
Attest Timothy Carter Clerk

A Warrant Nov. 6th. 1812 _____

To Ebenezer Bean Constable of the town of Bethel. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants and all freeholders of the town of Bethel quallified

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by law to Vote for Representatives to meet and assemble at the Centre School-House in said Bethel, on Thursday the twelfth Instant at one of the Clock in the after-noon to give in thir votes for three Electors for President and Vice President in the District comprised by the Counties of York, Cumberland and Oxford, as the Resolve directs. _____

Given under our Hands and seals at Bethel this sixth day of November A D 1812.

Eli Twitchell	Selectmen
Jon. ^a Abbot	of Bethel

Bethel November 6th. 1812. _____

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I notified the freeholders and Inhabitants as the law directs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed. _____

Ebenezer Bean Constable

Bethel Nov. 6th. 1812.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Inhabitants as therein expressed met at the time and place and gave in their votes as follows:

Hon. John Woodmen	}	each of them had
Theodore Mussey and		Sixty Seven Votes
Henry Rust Esquires		for Electors _____
Nathaniel Goodwin	}	each of them had
Lothrop Lewis &		forty Seven votes
Samuel Parris Esquires		for Electors _____

Eli Twitchell Esq. Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk

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A Warrant Feb^y 1th. 1813. _____

To Ebenezer Bean one of the Constables of the town of Bethel _____
Greeting. _____

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants quallified as the Law directs to vote in town meeting, to meet and assemble at the Centre-School-House in Bethel on Monday the fifth day of Feb^y Inst. at one of the clock P.M. to act on the following Articles (viz). _____

- 1^{ly} To choose a Moderator to govern said M.
2^{ly} " choose an Agent to attend Court at Paris at next turn in consequence of an inditement for the town being deficient in Powder & Balls. _____
3^{ly} To act on any other business as the town shall see proper when met. _____

Given under our hands and seals this first day of Feb^y

A D 1813. _____

Eli Twitchell
John Holt

}

Selectmen
of Bethel

Bethel Feb^y 1th. 1813. _____

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed.

Ebenezer Bean Constable

Bethel Feb^y 15th. 1813 _____

1^{ly} made choice of Nathaniel Swan Moderator of the meeting to the foregoing warrant. _____

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2^{ly} made choice of Ephraim Powers an Agent to defend the town against of Bethel an inditement for a defiecency of Powder & Balls, on condition of his not charging the town anymore for his services than Mr. Jonas Willis does for like services. Then Voted to dissolve said meeting. _____

Nathaniel Swan Moderator

Attest Timothy Carter town Clerk _____

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A Warrant March 15 AD 1813

To Ebenezer Bean one of the Constable for the town of Bethel.

Greeting

You are hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusttes to summon and Notify the free holders and Other inhab-tents of s^d town Qualified by law to Vote in town meetings Viz. to meet and assemble att the Center School house in bethel on Monday the fifth Day of April Next Att Nine of the oClock AM to Act on the following Articles Viz.

1^{ly} to Choos A Modrator to Govern at meeting

2^{ly} to Choose a clerk

- 3ly to Choose a Treasurer
- 4th Selectmen and Assessors
- 5th Constable and all Other officers that the town is Orthrisd
to choose in the month of March or Apriel annuly
- 6th to Rase such sumes of money at the town Shall think Proper
when meet for school and to defray town charges
- 7th to Rase money for the Repair of highway, on said town ways
in Bethel _____
- 8th to give in their Votes for a County trasurer
- 9th to Act on Any Other matter the town shall think Proper
when meet

Given Under our hands and Seals this fifteenth day of
March A D 1813

John Holt	Select
Jon ^a Abbot	Men of
	Bethel

Pursuant to the within
warrant I have Notified and warned the free holders and other
inhabitans therein Expressed to meet att the time and place and
for the Purpos therein mention

Ebenezer Bean Constable

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Bethel April th5 1813

Pursuant to warrant of this Date the male inhabitants meet and
Passed the following Votes Viz.

- 1ly made choice of John Kilgore Ju Moderator
- 2th made choice of John Holt for town Clerk
- 3th made choice of John Holt for trasurer
and have Sworn in to office
- 4th made choice of John Kilgore Jun for the selectman
John Kilgore Jun
- 5th Lieut Jon^a Abbot } for the SelectMen
- 6th Samuel Kimball }

And they ware Sworn in to Office.

7th Voted that the Selectmen bee the Assessors for the Present year

8th Voted to set up the Collectons (of taxes) givening Librty for town for the Lowest biden to bee Collector for both Parish(s) Ebenezar Eames bid of the Collectons (of taxes) att five cents and a Quarter on p^r dollar for the West Parish and allo the Lower Parish five Cents and half on p^r Dollar

Each of the Above mention Officers were

Moses Mason Sworn into Office.

and Decon Asa Kimbel

9th Voted to Excpt Moses Mason and Decon Asa Kimball for his Bondsman

Mr. Ebenazar Eames was apointed collector and Constable.

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Highway Survyors

Benjman Goodenough

Walter Mason

Capt Daniel Grout

James Annies

John Kilgore Jun

Samuel Kimball

Jareemiah Andres

Hegehich Andres

Jonas Willis

Peter York

Ezra Twitchell

E(d)ward Richedson

Each one Sworn into Office

field Drivers

Jese Bean

Lieut Jonathan Clark

Let John Kimball

Timothy Bean

Moses Mason

William Staples

Each one Sowrn into off.

fence Viewers

L^{et} John Rusell

Timothy Bean

Ezra Twitchell Jun.

Each one Sworn into Office

The words or letters in parenthesis are the best that could be obtained from the hand writing of the Clerk. NHM

Surveyors of Lumber

Joseph Twitchell

John Kilgore Jun

David Burbank

Each one Sworn into Office

tythingmen

Capt Elezen Twithcell

Dea Asa Kimbel

John Kilgore Jun

William Staples

Each one Sworn into Office

Hoge Reef

Obdiah Kimbel

Eward Richerson

Barbaw Bartleet

Ens Eleazar Twitchell

Benjman Annes

Voted to Ajduron this meeting for half an hour.

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Bethel April th 5 1813

Prsuant to the warrant of this Date the male inhabitants assembled and Pass the following Votes Vez for govner Let govner Senators and Counsiles.

for the hounarable Joseph B Varnum 86 Votes

for the hounrable William kinge 86 Votes

for the hounrable Calab Stronge 48 Votes

the hounrable William Philips 47

Senators and Counselors

the hounrable Ebnezer Poor

the hou.^a Jonathan Page

the hou.^a Robert Kely for them 86 Votes

the hou.^a Luther Iuce

the haun Jack Abbot

the Hounrable Daniel Towell for them 47 Votes

ACording the Agreement the Meeting Was opened

4th Voted to Raise three hundred Dollars for School and to make that () by it self.

- 5th Voted that every Distrect School have their one money
 4th Voted that No one district should have the Privlige of
 Sending to any District
 5th Not () one to inhrude on any other Voted to Raise one
 hundred and fifty Dollars to Defray town charges
 Voted to alow the Accounts that was Presented Before the
 town

here is the Account, that was Presented

Dct Timothy Carter Account	19 40
Col Amo hastings Account	2 -0
Ephram Powers Account	3 50
Jonas Willis Account	3 50

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Voted to Loge all the Books in the Clerks Office
 Voted to Lend them out for one month att time and if Not Returned
 att the time thay shall Pay twenty five Cents and all Dameage that
 the Book Sahll Substaine
 Voted to Ajourn the meeting to the first monday in May Next att
 one o clock PM

Attest John Holt } town Clerk

To Ebnezar Bean Constable of the town of Bethel Greetings
 You are hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwellth of Mass-
 achuetts to Notify and warn the male inhabititans of the s^d town
 of Bethel of twenty one years old and up only having a freehold
 Estat within the Commonwellth of the Aunal income of three Pound
 or Any Estat to the Valle of Sixty Pound to meet att the Centre
 School house in Bethel on Monday the fifth Day of Apriel Next att
 tow OClock PM to give in their Votes for govenor and Liut govenor
 and Senator and Councalos agreeable to the Constatution of the
 Commonwealth

Given under our hand and Seals att Bethel this fifteenth

Day of March AD 1813

Eli Twitchell	2	Select
John Holt		Men
Jona. Abbot	1	of Bethel

Bethel March 16 1813

by () of this warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other inhabtrants to meet att the time and Place and for Purpose herein mentioned Ebnezer Bean Constable

Turn to the Page Back and you will find the proceedings of this Warrant

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A Warrant of the Apirel

To Ebenezer Eames Constable for the town of Bethel ——— Greeting

You are herby Required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Masschusetts to Notify and warn the freeholders and Other inhab- bitants of s^d town Qulified by Law to Vote in town Meeting to meet and Assemble att the Centre Schoolhouse on Mondy the third Day of May Next att three O Clock in the afterNoon to Act on the following Articlas Viz 1th to Choose A modrator to govern s^d meeting
2th to See if the town will Devil the Second District and Set off Same of the Looer Eand of s^d Distrcet to the Looen District and the Uper Eand of s^d Distrcet att the District on the North Side of the River

Given Under Our hands and Seals att Bethel this Seventh Day of Apriel AD 1813

John Kilgore J ^r	7	Select
Jonathan Abbott	1	Men
		of Bethel

Bethel Aprial th 17 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I Have Notified and warnaned the free holders and Other inhabbitants of s^d town Quqlified by law to Vote in town Meeting as therein Expressed to meet att the time and Place and for the Purpos within mentioned

Ebnezar Eames Constable

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Bethel May th 3 1813

Agreable to a warrant of this Date the inhabbitants Asembled the meeting was opened Pased the following Votes

1th Voted John Kilgore modrator Goven s^d meeting

2th Voted to Set Mr Samuel Kimbel off to the Looner Distrect on the South Side of the River

S^d meeting Desolved

Atest John Holt } town clerk

Att A legal meeting baing the Same Date May th 3 1813 the inhabbitants asembled and give in thir Vote for A Representative to general Court

2ly Votes for Doct Timothy Carter 27

for Moses Mason 68 Votes

Meeting Sesolvd

John Holt } town Clerk

Bethel May th 3 1813

According to the Adjournment the meeting and Passed the following Vots

1th Voted to Rase on(e) thousand Dollars to Repair Roads and highways in the town of Bethel Voted to alow one Dollar p^r Day for mens Labour till the midel of July and for oxen Seventy five and after that time Sevnty five for men Labour and fifty for Oxen

Labour and the () to worke on the s^d Road to bee Left to
the Disgresion of the Survayors of highways

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2th Voted Doct Timothy Carter Esq James Walker Esq Mr. Peregneen
Bartleet for A Commity to inspect the Schools

3th the Vots was given in as follows for A County trasurer
the hornanable Henry Russ 48 Votes

4th to Desolve the meeting

Atrue copy Atest John Holt town
clerk

Bethel September 1813

the following is a Statement of () of Roads when guid
Boards is Posted Up in the town of Bethel by the Selectmen

1th att the Uper Parsh in the highway by Robins Brown 3 on
guid Board anquals on Southrly one Northly and one Easterly

2th att Capt Elazar Twitchell 4 Anguals and gude Board Angual
Southly one Northly Esteraly one westerly

3th Att Mr. Greely Swan 3 Anguah Northerly one Southerly and one
Easterlly one Angual Board att the East Parish

1^{ly} Josah Beans Att the River Bank 3 anguals one Northerlly
over the River one Southerlly and one westerlly

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Bethel Septth 1813

Eli Twitchell	Selectmen
Jon ^a Abbot	of
John Holt	Bethel

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A Warrant to Ebnezar Eames

To Ebneazar Eames Constable Bethel Greeting

You Are Required and Ordred to Notify the freeholders and Other inhabbitants of s^d town and Asembl att the Center Schoolhous in town on Tusday the 29th Day of this Present month att three OClock in the After Noon to Act on the following Articals Viz

- 1ly to Chose Amodrator to govern s^d meeting
- 2th to See if the town will Excpt of the List of juryen Prepared by the Selectmen
- 3th to See if the town will Excpt the Roads Laid Out by the Selectmen
- 4th to Act on any other matters the town Shall think Proper when meet

Given Under Our hand and Seals att Bethel the 19th Day of June A D 1813

John Kilgore	}	Selectmen
Jona. Abbot		of
		Bethel

Pursuant to the Warrant I have Notified the inhabbitants of s^d town Qualified as there in Expressed to meet Att the time and Place and for the Porpse there in mentioned

Bethel June 22th 1813

Ebneazar Eames

Constable

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Bethel June 29th 1813

Agreable to s^d Warrant the inhabbitants Meet and s^d meeting was Opened

- 1ly Made Choice by Ballet Mr. John Kilgore Jr
- 2th Voted to have twenty Names for juryen in s^d Box the List
() each Excpt
- 3th Voted to Excpt the s^d Roads Layed Out by the Selectmen

Etest John Holt Town

(Clerk

Bethel June 18th 1813

We the Subscribers have Laid Out a town Road two Rods with Beginning as follows Viz att the So Westrly Cornor of Lot Number one in the South Range then w-ly on the Rang line Between Lots No'd in 7 Rang and N2 in 8 Range to the Road that Lead from the Loon School House South Side of the River to Job York one half of s^d Road on one Lot and the Other half on the Other Lot

John Kilgore J^r

Select

Samuel Kimball

men of

Bethel

Bethel June 29th 1813

We the Subsribers Laid Out the following Road Beginning att the Road Runs from John merrills to Newry Line Six Rods from the guid board att the Coner of Nathaniel Swans field and Runs East 30 degrees North 33 Rods then East 19 South 48 Rods to hasting and Swans Line thence East 6 Degrees South 28 Rods then East 29 North 20 Rods thence

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East 9 South 44 Rods thence East 27 South 16 Rods to the River to the foand way 21 Rod thence ACrose the River to Sand Rips To Caller thence Up the River Bank 64 to the ferryway thence East 27 South 50 Rods thence East 15 South 84 Rods to the County Road s^d Road to bee Bridle Rd from the first mentioned Round to the River and over the River to the ferryway and to bee An Open Road two Rods wide from the ferryway to the County Road by order of the town of Bethel

John Kilgore J^r

Select

Jonathan Abbot

Men of

Samuel Kimball

Bethel

A Warrant March 8th 1814

To Ebenezar Eames Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
 You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn the free holders and Other inhabitants of the town of Bethel Qualified by law to Vote in town meetings to meet and Assemble At the Center Schoolhouse in s^d Bethel on Monday the forth Day of April next at Eight O Clock in the fore noon to Act on the following Articles - Viz

- 1th to Choose A modrator to govrn s^d meeting
- 2th to choose A Clark
- 3th to choose A town trasurer
- 4th to choose Assessors
- 5th to Choose Selectmen
- 6th to Choose A Collector or Collectors
- 7th to Choose to Constable
- 8th to choose A school Commity
- 9th to Choose A County Trasurer
- 10th to Choose tythingmen
- 11th to Choose Att the town Officers Required by Law
- 12th to Rase money for the Repair of Road and to defray all other town charges and for the Suport of the Schools in s^d town this Present year.
- 13th to See if the town will fince the Several Burying yeads in s^d town and Act on Any Other Matters Relating thir unto
- 14th to See in what matters they will Devil the School money the Present year
- 15th to See if the town will Vote to hold their town meetings in future one half of the time in the meetings in the Uper Parish and the other in the meeting house in the Lower Parish
- 16th to Act on Any Matter the town Shall think Proper when meet.
- 17th to Choose A Sealers of Weights and Marsres.

Given Under Our hand and Seals this 8th of March A D 1814

Jona Abbot ? Select
 Samuel Kimbel | Men of
 | Bethel

Crad Over

Pursuant to the within Warrant I Notifed the inhabbitants of s^d
town Qualified as ther in Expresd to meet att the time and Place
and for the Purpos within mentioned

Bethel March th₁₄ A D 1814

Ebnezar Eames Constable

Bethel Aprial th₄ 1814

Agreable to warrant of this Date the inhabbitants meet and Asemble
and the meeting was Opened and Pased the following Vote _____

- 1th Choose by Ballet John Kilgore Jr. for Modrator for to govern
s^d meeting and the List of Voters was Called Ouet _____
- 2th Chose John Holt for town Clerk & he was Sworn into Office
- 3th Choose John Holt for trasurer
- 4th Voted to Pass over the Artical of Choosing thyingmen
- 5th Choose John Kilgore Jr for the first Selectman Jonathan
Abbot & Samuel Kimbel thay
the Other tow Voted that the ware
Selectmen should be the Assesors Sworn to
- 6th Voted to ADjourn s^d meeting one Office
hour

Look over the Other Leaf

Bethel Apriel th₄ 1814

Att Apriel Meeting the inhabbiant's Brought forward their Votes
as follows

	Votes
for the Hounrable Samuel Dexter ESQ	93
for the Hounrable Calab Strong ESQ	53

List Govenor

Hon. William Fray ESQ Vot	93
Hon William Pilips ESQ Vot	54
for Senator Alva R Powers ESQ	93
for the hounrable Daniel Steel ESQ	54

s^d Meeting Desoloved

Atest John Holt town Clerk

A Warrant March th₈ 1814

To Ebenezar Eames Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
 You are Required in the name of the Commonwellth of Massachutts to
 warn the mael in habitants of the town of Bethel of twenty one
 yers of Age and up war or having a freehold Estate within the
 Commonwealth of the Aunnual income of three Pounds or Any Estate
 to the Vall of Sixty Pounds to Meet att the Center Schoolhouse in
 s^d Bethel on Monday the fourth day of Apriel next att one OClock
 in the after noon to give in thire Votes for A govner Lit govner
 and Senators and Conslers Agreeable to the Constitution of the
 Commonwealth

Given under our hands and Seals of s^d Bethel this th₈ Day of
 March A D 1814

Jonath Abbot

Select

Samuel Kimbel

Men of

Bethel

th
 Bethel March 14 1814

Pursuant to the with Warrant I have notifiyd the in habitants of
 s^d town Qualfyed thirein Expresed to Meet att the time and Place
 and for the Purpos with in mentioned.

Ebnezar Eames Constable

Look back for the Prceding Warrant

Agreeable to the Adjournment the meeting was Opend
 7th Pased A vote to Let up the Collectorslipp to the Lowest
 bider Elheanon Bartleet Bid off the Collectorslipp Att five Cents
 on one Dollar for the Uper Parish and four Cents & three Quarter
 on One Doller for the Lower Parish Mr Thyhes (Thaddeus?) Bartleet
 and Mr. Peter York Appered fro his bondsmen and ware Excepted by

the s^d town He was Sworn into s^d office

8th Passed the following Votes for A School Commity

Doc Mason

Barber Bartleet

Elice Bartleet

9th the inhabbitants Brought in thir Votes for A county trasurer
as follows the hounrable Henry Rust ESQ - 60 Vots
and for Mr. John Barker - 1 Vot

10th Tythingmen

Capt Elarzear Twitchell

Liet John Russell

Mr. Elizah Bartleet

Liet Nat Seger

Each of the sd Officers
were Sworn into Office

Surveyors of Highways

Ens Richard Estes

Aaron Mason

Col Amos Hastings

Mr. Ruben Bartleet

Liet Nath Seger

Surveyors of Lumber

Major Tmos Hill

Mr. John Kilfore Jr.

Mr. David Burbank

Field Drivers

James Walker ESQ

Benjman Estes

Ellehu Kilgore

Liet Jonath Powers

Surveyor of highway

Jese Bean

John Grover

Capt Daniel Grout

Mr. Mieoger Black

Liet John Russell

Mr. Edman Bean

Benjman Estes

Hog Reef. Henry Barker

Joseph Wheler, Thadus

Twitchell, Samuel Roberts

Dct Mason, William

Farwell, Elsa Bartleet

Elenezar Bartleet, Barber

Bartleet

Amos Bean

Each sworn into office

Voted to Adjourn the s^d meeting to the first Monday in May att
tow 0 Clock in the afternoon

Attest John Holt town Clerk

Agreeable to the Adjournment the inhabbitants Meet and Said meeting
was Opend and Pased the following votes

- 1th Voted to Let hogs Rume att Large being Yoked and Ringed
Doctor Carter objected aganst the Road Runing though his Land
from Sundy River to the grate County Road
- 2th Voted to Except the Road from John & Peter York's Barn
to Mr. Ebeneazer Eames house
- 3th Voted to Allow the trust ACOUNTS D
- | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| for Timety Carter ACOUNT | --- | --- | 11 | -- |
| for Samuel Barker ACOUNT | --- | --- | 07 | -- |
| John Holt ACOUNTS | -- | --- | 05 | -- |
| for Asa Kimball ACOUNT | --- | --- | 04 | -- |
| Mr. Peregreen Bartleet ACOUNT | --- | --- | 02 | -- |
| Mr Peter York ACOUNT | --- | --- | 02 | -- |
- 4th Voted to Allow the Select men ACOUNTS
- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Mr Jonathan Abbot Account | Dol |
| | 21-15 |
| Mr Samuel Kimball Account | 16-33 |
| Mr. John Kilgore Jr Account | |
- 5th Voted to Allow Mr Ebenazer Eames ACOUNT Wich was
-- 02 50
- 6th Voted to Desolve s^d Meeting

Etest John Holt town Clerk

ACording to the Adjournment of the Last Aunnaul meeting of
April th₄ 1814 the inhabbititants meet and Said meeting was opened.

- 1th Voted to Raise twelve hundreed Dollars to Repair highways
and town ways in s^d Bethel
- 2th Voted to Lay Out four hundred Dollars on the Leading Road

which Leads to Warteford and Norway and Paris

3th Voted to choose Alans Marty to See to the Laying out of this four hundreed Dollars

4th Voted for this commity.

Capt Daniel Grout

Dr. Timothy Carter

Lt Moses Bartleet

5th Voted to Seet Mans Labour att one Dollrs pr Day and ox Labour att 75 Cents pr Day the Survayor to Pousure () att the best of thir judgment Voted to Pass over the the Articuel of Raseing money till thay shall Act on the Other matters

6th Voted Not to move the town Meeting to Each Eand of the town as it had been motioned

7th Voted to Rase three hundred Dollars to Defray town Charges

8th Voted to Rase tow hundred Dollars to healp Buide A meeting house in the midle intrvel which is in Carter plation and which has been Brought for and by the Subscribers before the in-habbitants att said meeting

9th Voted to Raise three hundred Dollars for the Suport of Schooling Voted that the mony Should bee Deviled by the s^d Number of Childreen from twenty one years of Age Down to four years of Age and three Quarters of s^d money Should bee Layed Out in the winter School and the other Quarter in the Sumer

10th Voted to choose tow Commity to fill the Vacan of the Decased of those that ware choose to

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Fence the Buring yard

11th Voted Eli Twitchell ESQ and Mr. Janas Willis for said Com-mity to see to the Building s^d fence of the said Buring yard

You May turn to the Page Back and you will find the Reamander and the Desloving of s^d Meeting test John Holt

To Elharnan Bartleet Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting You are herby Required in the Name of the Commonwellth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn the Male inhabbitants of the town of Bethel being twenty one years of Age and Upward and Resides in said town for the Space of One year Next Precding having a free hold Estate with in Said town of the Auannual income of three Pounds or any Estate to the Valle of Sixty Pounds to Meet Att the Centerel School house in said town on Monday the Second Day of May next att twelve O Clock in s^d Day for the Purpos of choosing a Represntive to Represent them att the geneal Count Apointed to bee hold on and Convand att Boston on the Last WensDay of May Next

Given Under our hands & Seals att said Bethel the 14 Apriel 1814

John Kilgore	}	Select
Jon Abbot		Men of
	(Bethel

Bethel May th₂ 1814

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Notified and Warraned the Male inhabbitants of said Town Qualfyed as herin Expressed to Meet att the time and Place and for the Purpos within mentiond
Elheannan Bartleet Constable

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Bethel May th₂ 1814

Agreable to a Warrant of this Date the inhabbitants Asembled Said Meeting was opend

1th Voted by the inhabbitants to Send A Repercentive _____
2th Voted by Ballet to Send Mr. Moses Mason for to Represent Said town att the genreal Court Conveand att Boston

said Meeting Deoselved

Etest John Holt } town
Clerk

The Record of s^d Road to follow

Layed Out A town Road as follows Beginning att Mr. E Eames Barn
Running North 34 D East 102 Rods thence North 30 D East 44 Rod
thence North 21D East 14 Rods then North 54D E 74 Rods then
North 18D E 100 Rods to the Corner of Mr. Peter Yorks fence and
to the Mane Road tganst his Barn _____

Apriel th₃₀ A D 1814

John Kilgore J. one of the Selectmen
of Bethel

Also Laid out a Bridle Road from the Landing Place in Liet John
Russell's feild Beingining Att the River Running Sorth 8D E 44
Rods then South 20D E 20 Rods then South 32D E 30 Rods then South
14 D E 56 Rods then S 30D E 20 Rods to the County Road _____

Bethel Apriel th₃₀

A D 1814

John Kilgore J. } one of the
Selectmen
Bethel

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To Elhanan Bartleet Constable for the town of Bethel Greeting
You are Required in the Name of the Commonwellth of Massechsutts
to Notify and warn the inhabbitants of the Said town of Bethel
fully Quallified to Vote for Representative in the genral Court of
the Commonwealth Viz
the Male inhabbitants of Said town being twenty one of Age and
Rasidint of Said town for the space of one year Next Preceding

having a free hold Estate within the Said town of the Aunnaiel
 incom of three Pounds or Any Estate to to the Valle of Sixty
 Pounds to Asemble att the Canter School house in said Bethel on
 Monday in s^d Month att one O Clock in the afternoon to give in
 ther Votes for Representative of the People of Said Commonwealth
 in the Congrass of the S^d United Estates for the Sevanth District

Given Under our hand and Seals this 13th Day October A D 1814

John Kilgore J	Select
Jonathan Abbot	Men of
Samuel Kimbel	Bethel

Curruant to the within warrant I have have Notified and warnaned
 the inhabitants of the said town Qualified as thinin Expressed to
 Meet att the time and Place and for the Purpose within Mentioned

Bethel A D 1814

Elhannan Bartleet Constable

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Bethel November th₇ 1814

Agreable to it warrant of the Date the inhabbitants Meet s^d Meeting
 was Opened the Inhabbitants gave in thin Vots as follows

for the Hounrable Bradly forty four Vots
 for the Hounrable A Garras Sixty three Vots

Said Meeting was Desolved

Atest John Holt town Clerk

ACording to the warrant on the hand Page I have Notified and
 warnand the inhabbitants ACording as the Law Directs to meet and
 asemble att the time and Place and for the Purpuse thin in mentiond

Bethel Apriel th₁₃ 1814

Elheannan Bartlett Constable

then was Put on hed because thin was Not Ro(o)me on the

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A Warrant March th₆ 1814

(L.S.) To Elheannan Bartlett Collector for the town of Bethel
Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwellth of Mass-
echutts to Notify and warran the freeholders and Other Inhabbitants

(L.S.) of said town Quelified by Law to Vote in town Meetings to meet
and Aseambel att the Center school house in Bethel on Monday the
third day of Apriel Next att Nine O Clock in the forenoon to Act
on the following Articles Viz

- 1ly to Choose A modrator to goveren said Meeting
- 2th to Choos a Clerk
- 3th to choose A trasurer
- 4th to Choos Selectmen and Assessers
- 5th to Choose A Collector and Constable
- 6th to Choos OverSear for the Poor
- 7th to Choos Survoyor of highways
- 8th to Choos Survyors of Lumber
- 9th to choos fence Veiwers
- 10th to Choos A school Commity
- 11th to Choos hogh Revers
- 12th to Choos A Pound keeper
- 13th to choos field Drivers
- 14th to see if the town will Aurthorze the Selectmen to give
orders to all the Persons who are Opposed to Obying the Meeting
house tax to the Amount of thir taz for the Abstinet thir of and
to Rase money to buld or to bring forad said house
- 15th to Rase money for the suport of Schools
- 16th to Rase money for the making and Reparring highways and
town ways within s^d town
- 17th to Rase money to Defray all Other town charges
- 18th and to Excpt of Road Laid Out and to Act on Other Matters
thay shall think Proper when meet
- 19th to give in thir Votes for a County trasurer
- 20th to See if thay will Vote to have the Voloms of Dunons Put
into the Libery

Given Under our hands and Seals this th₆ Day of March A D 1815

John Kilgore	}	Selectmen
Jonathan Abbot		of
Samuel Kimbel		Bethel

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Pursuant to the within warrant I have Summond and Notified
att time and Place and for Purpose with in mentioned

Elhennan Bartlett Collector

Look to the Page forrowerd and yo will find the first of the Perced-
ing of the meeting acording to the adjounrment the Pepole Assembled
and the meeting was Opend and Pased the Votes to Aedjoun the till
Tusday th₄ Day att ten O Clock in the fore noon att the Center
school house

Atest Moses Bartleet Modrator

John Holt town Clerk

Agreable to the adjounment the Pepole meet and the meeting was
Opend Pasd the folling Votes _____

1th Voted to Set Up the Collectorshipp att the Lowest bided Mr.
Ebenezar Eames bid it off att four Cents and Eight mills on
pr Dollar then Voted Mr. Er Eames for Constable and Collector
and Mr Samuel B. Lock and Mr Peter York Apred for his bond-
man and ware Excpted by the town and Mr Eames was swon to
Each office as the Law Directs both for a Constable and
Collector

Jese Bean	Survoyors	Survoyors	John Bean
Ebe Greenwood	of highways	of highways	Peter York
John Walker	and town was	on the North	Charles Starnes
Jonas Merram	on the South	Side of the	Edward Richardson
Joshua Roberts	side of the	River and	_____

Elias Bartlett River and	Each of them	Surveyors of
Job York	Each of them	Lumber
	ware sworn	David Burbank
	into Office	Liet Jonathan Clerk
	into office	Aaron Frost

* Bezealbiin Dal and James Annis

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School Commity	Each Officer was Sworn to the office he was chosen too	Exch officers Thomas Paine
Doc Timothy Carter		John Grover
Doc Aurther Drinkwater		Norman Clark
James Walker ESQ		Aaron Mason
Elica Bartlett		
Piregreen Bartlett		Voted Lieut John Russell
Samuel B Lock		Pound keeper
Barber Bartlett		
Capt Jon_a Abbot		

Hogh Reff	and they were Sworn to Office acording as the Law Directs	Feild Drivers chosen	and they were and they Sworn into the were the Office that they were chosen too
Moses besbee Jun.		John Elenwood	
William Holt		Casr Elezar Twitchell	
Enoch Estes		Isaac York	
John Merrill			
Timothy Capen		Thydingmen	
		Capt Nathan Marble	
Eli Twitchell ESQ		Robeans Brown	
Ebenezar Eames		Stphen Bartlett	
Timothy Carter ESQ			
John Bean		the People Brought in then Votes	
John Barker		for a County trasurer as follows	
Theodore Rusall		for Capt Henry Rust	Seventy Seven
Capt Jon-a. Abbot			Votes

* This name may be incorrect, but the best that could be gained.

The Votes that were Passed Out Dooers are as follows Voted to give the Assessors powr to give Sunh as Order to all Persons that are opposed aganst Paying the tax that was Rased to help bring forward the bulding of the Meeting hous att the middlintr-vel to the Amount of thir said tax

then went on thir () as follows in the () Voted to Deposat the Duiuing of Books in the Libery for the benefet of the town

Voted that Each school District Children should bee kept in thir one District

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A Grable to A Warran of the 20 th

Bethel Apriel th₃ 1815

the Inhabbitants assembled and the meeting was opend and Voted as follows

1ly Voted by Ballet Lt Moses Bartlett for moderator

2th Voted John Holt for Clerk and have Sworn

3th John Holt for Trasurer to Afaful Discharge

4th John Holt for the first Se-lectman of his Duty into the office

5th Voted Barber Bartlett for the Second Selectman by James Walker ESQ

6th Voted Samuel Chapman the the third selectman

7th Voted that the Selectmen should bee the Assessors and ware sworn to afafull Descharge their Duty in that office

8th Voted to Pass over the next Artical and take up the next Aartials and Act on them first and after that Act on the Others said town meeting for one hour was Adjourd

March th₇ 1815

Bethel 1815

Agreable to warrant of the Date the inhabitants assembled and the meeting was opened the Votes given in { for govner for the hounrable Caleb Strong fifty Eight Votes and for the hounrable william Phillpis fifty Eight Votes for Lieut govenor _____ and for the hounrable Dexter Ninty four Votes for for govenor and the hounrable William Green Ninty four Votes for Lieut govenor and for Senetors the hounrable Daniel Stock fifty five Votes and the hounrable william Read Ninty three Votes
 Moses Bartleet moderator
 Atest John Holt town clerk

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April Timothy Carter Esq Recd of the town clerk Reports of
 24th Massachusetts Columes 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and one column of
 1814 the Laws of Massachusetts

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Voted to Rase three hundreed to Support School for the insuing year

Voted to give Each District there one (own) Money and the District to Lay out the Money to ther one (own) Designs

Voted to Rase Eight hundreed Dollers to fix highways town ways for making and Repairing the Same

Voted that mans Labour bee set att twelve cents an hour before September Eight Cents After that time Voted that Oxen have Sixty Seven Cents pr Day when mans Labour was a Dollar and fity cents when mans Labour was 67 Cents.

Voted to Rase four hundreed Dollars to Defray town Charges Voted that the Selectmen should take over of the Powder Voted to Allow the accounts that was brought forrowad

Eli Twitchell ESQ	Account	8-40
Capt Jona Abbot	Doto	17-44
Samuel Kimbel	Doto	6-84
Elhannan Bartett	Dot	2-74
John Holt	Dot	27-92

the meeting Adjournad to thir Place the first Mondy in May att three O Clock in the after Noon.

Atest Moses Bartlett Modrator

John Holt town Clerk

Acording to the Adjournment of the Last Annual Meeting of Apriel
th 3 1814 May th 1 1815 the inhabbitants being assembled the Meeting
was Opened Voted to Put the intrest of the Publick Money to int-
rest for one year Voted to Eight the Petition of Jese Cross and
Samuel Cross Voted to Allow the Accounts that ware brought forrowd

Atest Moses Bartlett		D C
Modrator	Capt Daniel Grout	2 .00
John Holt town Clerk	Lt Moses Bartlett	2 . 00
	Doc Timothy Carter	1 . 00

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(L.S) A Warrant Apriel th 10 A D 1815

(L.S.) To Ebenezer Eames Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

(L.S.) You are Required in the name of the Commonweallth of Mass-
achusetts to Notify and warnn the Male inhabbitants of said town
being twenty one year of age and Residant in said town for the
space of one year Next preceding having a freehold Estat within
said town of the Annual incom of three Pound or Any Estat to the
Valle of Sixty pound to meet att the Center School house in Bethel
on Monday the first Day of may Next att one O clock in the After-
noon for the Purpose of Choosing A Reprassentative to Represent
them att the general Court Appointed to bee Conveand and heald

att Boston the last Wensday of May

Given Under Our Hands and seals att said Bethel the tenth Day of
Apriel A D 1815

John Holt	}	Selectmen
Samuel Chapman		of Bethel
Barber Bartlett		

Purusant to the within warrant I have Nitfyed and Warraned the
male inhabbitants of said town qualified by Law to Vote in town
meeting to meet att the time and Place and for the Purpose therein
mentiond

Bethel Apriel th₁₀ 1815 Ebenezar Eames

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Bethel May th₁ 1815

Agreable to A Warrant of this Date the inhabbitants meet and the
meeting was Opend Voted by Ballat Capt Jonathan Abbot for mod-
rator

2th Voted Not to Diveid the town

3th Voted to Desolve Said meeting _____

Atest Capt Jonathan Abbot Modator John Holt town Clerk

Bethel May th₁ 1815

Prusuant to warrant of this Date the inhabbitants meet and
said meeting was Opened and Pased the following Votes first Polled
the house in Order to Note the minds of the Pepole in Regard to
sending A Representative to Represent them to the genral Count
at Boston

Then the Votes were Called for and thay were brought in by Ballet
as follow Then for Mr Moses Mason ware given in Sixty three
Votes thin ware given in for Capt Jonathan Abbot thirty Seven

Votes for Samuel Chapman ware Seven Votes Eli Twitchell ESQ
ware given in tow Votes then Thy Carter ESQ had one Vote

Mr Moses Mason 63 Votes

Capt Jon^a Abbot 37 Votes

Mr S Chapman 07 Votes

Eli Twitchell ESQ 02 Votes

Timotny Carter ESQ 01 Votes

A true Coppy

Atest John Holt town Clerk

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A Warrant Bethel March th
7 1815

To Elhannan Bartlett Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
You are herby Required in the Name of the Commonwellth of Mass-
achusetts to warnn the male inhabbitants of the said town of
Bethel of the Age of twenty one years and Upwards having a free-
hold Estate with in the Commonwellth of the Aunnal income of three
Pound or Any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pound to meet att the
Center School hous in said town on Monday the third Day Apriel
Next att one O Clock in the After noon to give in their Votes
for A govnor Lt govenor and Senators and Counsilors Agreeable to
the Constatution of said Commonwellth

Given Under Our hands and Seals att said Bethel this Sevnth
of March A D 1815

John Kilgor Jr	Select
Capt Jon. Abbot	Men of
Samuel Kimbel	Bethel

Pursuant to the warran I have Notified and warrand the Male in-
habbitants of said town of Bethel as is herin mentiond to meet
at the time and Place and for the Purpose thirin mentiond

Bethel Apriel th
3 1815

Elhannan Bartlett Constable
to find the precedings of this warrant Look Back three Pages

To the Selectmen of the town of Bethel

We the subscribers freeholders and inhabitants of said Bethel
Request you to Call a meeting of the qualified Voters of said
Bethel as soon may bee Conveant and After having Chosen A modar-
tor to Perced to Act on the following Articals Viz

- 1th to see if the inhabbiants of said Bethel will vote to have
the said town formed into two Towns
- 2th to see if the Town agree wher the Divison Line shall bbe
Establtished
- 3th Parish shall retain the Nam(e) of Bethel and what name shall
given to the Other Parish
- 4th To see how the proprty owend by the town shall desposed of
in Case of a Divison
- 5th To see how the town Debts shall bee desposed of in Case of
A division

Bethel Apriel th₅ 1815

Eli Grover Jr

Jedeah Burbank

Amos Gage

Mr. Amos Hill

Jese Bean

Samuel Burbank

James Grover

John Barker

Benj Goodenough

Cyras Twitchell

Samuel Barker

John Mills

Samuel Gage

Jed. Grover

Peter Twitchell

Joseph Greenwood

Joseph Wheler

John Grover

Paul Morse

James Grover

Joseph Wheler Jr

Robans Brown

Elaz Twitchell

Benj Annis

Aaron Abbot

James Walker

Thaddus Twitchell

Ezra Twitchell

Over and you will find the Record of the Warrant

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(LS) A Warrant April th 20 1815

(LS) To Ebenezer Eames Constable of Bethel Greeting

(LS) You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town being of the
age of twenty one yers and upward being Legal voters to Act on
town Affairs to meet att the Center school house on the first Day
May next att three O Clock in the AfterNoon to Act on the before
mentiond Prtition we the Subscribers agreable to the befor mentiond
Requst require you to notify and warn the quatified voters to
meet Act on the befor mentiond Articals as they shall See fit

Given Under Our hands and Seals at Bethel the twentieth Day of
Apriel A D 1815

John Holt } Selectmen
Barber Bartlett } of Bethel

Pursuant to the above warrant I have Notified and warrand the
male inhabbitants acording to the within mentiond warrant to meet
att the time and place for the Purpos with in mentiond

Eberazer Eames Constable
Bethel Apriel th 21 1815

Agreable to a warrant of this Date the inhabbitants asembled
and said meeting was Opend by Ballat made choice of Capt Jon.
Abbot for modrator to govern said meeting

2th Voted Not to Divide the town _____

3th voted to Desolve the meeting

Atest Jonathan Abbot moderator
John Holt town Clerk

(LS) A Warrant May th₈ 1815

(LS) To Ebenezer Eames Constable of Bethel Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwellth of Mass-
chusetts to Notify and warnn the inhabitants of said town of
Bethel quaified to vote for representative to meet at the Center
School house in said town of Bethel on the twentieth Day of May att
one O Clock PM to give in thir votes for a County Regester

Given Under Our hand and Seals this Eight Day of May in the
year of Our Lord 1815

John Holt } Select
Barber Bartlett } Men of
Bethel

Pursuant to the warrant I have Notified and warnned the inhab-
itants as thir mentiond to meet att the time and place and for
the Purpose thirin mentiond

Bethel May th₂₀ 1815 Ebenezer Eames Constalbe

Bethel May th₂₀ 1815

Agreable to the warrant of this Date the inhabitants ware Con-
veand and the meeting was Opend and the inhabitants Brought in
Votes for a County regester as follows

for the hounrable Hamon Milkian ESQ 37 votes

and for the hounrable Charles whittman ESQ 32 votes

A true Coppy

Atest John Holt town Clerk

(LS) A Warrant May th₈ 1815

(LS) To Ebenezer Eames Constalbe of the town of Bethel Greeting

You are herby required in the Name of the Commonwellth of Mass-

chuttes to Notify and warran the freeholders and Other inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to assemble at the Center school house in said town on the twentieth Day of May att three O Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles Viz

- 1ly to choose A modrator to govren said meeting
- 2th to See if the town will choose A Commity to Confer with the Subscribers or thir Commity for bulding a meeting hous in the midle Intervale in order to See if thay can agree upon a report to Set said House to accomodate said town
- 3th To see if the town will reconsider the vote taken att thir last Annual Apriel meeting Authorzing the Selectmen to grant sunary ordors to all those Parsons that are opposed to Paying the meeting house tax
- 4th To see if town will Petition to the Legeslature to Establish and conform the Doings of the town up to this Present time and Act Any thing relative then to that thay may think Proper when met

Given Under our hands and seals this Eighth Day of May in the year of our Lord A D 1815

John Holt } Selectmen

Barber Bartlett } of Bethel

Pursuant to the warrant to me Directed I have Notified and warraned the inhabitants as thirin Expresed to meet att the time and Place and for the Purpos thirin mentiond

Bethel May th₂₀ 1815 Ez Eames Constable

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Bethel May th₂₀ 1815

Agreable to the warrant of this Date the inhabitants ware conveyed and the meeting was Opend

Vote by Ballat

1th Lt Moses Bartlett for modrator to govern said Meeting

- 2th Voted to Pass Over the first Artical
- 3th voted to Pass over the second Artical
- 4th voted to send on a Pertition to the genral Court to have the Percedings of the said town Established Up to the Prea-sent time.
- 5th voted to give the Collector the Liberty to Set Up the Notify Catition att the school house att the midle intravel for Jury meeting
- 6 th voted to Excpt the bridal Road Laid out Betwen Amos Gage and Mr. Daniel Gage voted to allow Mr Daniel Gage ten Dol-las on the highway for the Labour he had Don on the Road that was Laid out from the Great Road through his fied to the River
- 7th voted to Excpt the Road Laid out by the Seclect men Down by Bar River

and said meeting was Desolved

Atest Moses Bartlett modrator

John Holt town Clerk

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August

(LS) A Warrant to Ebzn Eames Sept 21 1815

(LS) To Ebenezer Eames Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

You are herby required in the name of the Commonwellth of Massachetts to Notify and warrn the inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town meetings on town affairs to meet and asembled at the Center school house in said town on friday the fifteenth day of September at one O Clock in the after Noon to Act on the following Articalls Viz

1ly to chose a modrator to govern said meeting

2ly to see what measures the town will take to Prevent a fine in Consequence of a Complaint entred at Paris court of a Peice of County Road in said town

- 3th to see if town will remonstrate and have an Agent to remonstrate aganst the pititon for a county road set forth in the order of Notice
- 4th To see if the town will Appont Commty to say wher the Non-residants highway tax shall bee Expended
- 5th To see if the town will Descharg the the hairs or Adminis- tration of Amos Bean Collector Deceased
- 6th To Act on Any Other matters thay shall think Proper when meet

Given Under our hands and Seals the 21 Day of August in the year of our Lord 1815

John Holt Selectmen
Barber Bartlett of Bethel

Prusuant to a warrant to me directed I have Notified and warned the inhabitants as then in Expressed to meet att the Place and Time thin in mentiond Bethel Sept th 15 1815
Ebenazar Eames Constable

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Bethel Sept th 20 1815

Agreable to warrant of this Date the inhabitants ware convened and said meeting was opend 1ly by Ballat made chocie of Jonas D Merram for modrator to gorven said meeting

2th voted to choose a commity to repair the road on whale back which is complained of

3th voted to choose three for the Commity

4th voted that the three Selectmen bee the Commity

5th voted to choose a Angant to go to Court in order to prevent if poseable

6th voted Mr. Barber Bartlett to bee the Agant to go to Court

7th voted Mr Barber Bartlett as an Agant to remonstrat agant the

- road that is in contemnation Leading from the widow Capan's to Mr Howard Dne
- 8th voted to choose a commity to see where the Nonredidants highway tax should be laid.
- 9th voted that the Selectmen bee the Commity to say when said tax shall bee Expended
- 10th voted to give trasurer John Holt power to Discharge Amos Bean from said tax bill () from the said bills
- 11th voted to Excpt the rød laid out by the the selectmen att the lowered of the town for Ebenz Bartlett Ench Estes & James Hardon then voted to Desolve said meeting

Bethel Sept th 15 1815
 Atest Jonas D Merram Modrator
 John Holt town Clerk

Agreable to a Law of this Commonwellth we the subscribers Doher Assarsion that the town Lines were pramblated in Nov^m 1814 by John Holt

Samuel Chapman
 Barber Bartlett

Select
 Men of
 Bethel

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Laid out a town rød and way Beginning at the grade road Ner Daniel but west of Daniel Gage barn runing North two Deg east to the River and running to the Road laid out near Simeon Twitchell Barne said road to bee one rod in width and pasable with convan-ent bars on gaits the discrebed rød be obtained in the following conditrons Or in that the town abate ten Dollars of Daniel Gage highway tax for bushing a bridge which will very considerably lessen the Expense of making s^d Rød _____

Bethel May th 18 1815

Samuel Chapman Selectmen
Barber Bartlett of Bethel

Laid out a Road Beginning at the Old Road Ner Aaron Frost Barn to the NorWest Corner of s^d Barn thence Runing North 40Deg East to the town Line thence Ner the s^d Line to be Bare River

Bethel May th 20 1815
Samuel Chapman ? Selectmen
Barber Bartlett of Bethel

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Laid out a town Road att the Looer Part of the town for the Use of Ebenezar Bartlett and James Hodsdon Beginning att W Corner of Benjiman Estes Lot and att its Ebazer & Job York's Lot and Running South 20 degs East 40 Rods on the Lot line Between said Bartlett and Hodsdon Land to a stake on said Line said road to bee tow rods in width

John Holt } Selectmen
Barber Bartlett } of Bethel

A Warrant Febuary th 17 A D 1816

To Ebenezer Eames Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town meeting to meet and assemble at the centre schoolhouse in said town on Monday the fourth day of March next at nine of the oclock in the fore noon to act on the following articles Vize.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2d To choose a town clerk _____
- 3d To choose a town Treasurer
- 4th To choose Selectmen
- 5th To choose Assessors

- 6th To choose Collector and Constable
- 7th To choose Overseers of the Poor
- 8th To choose Surveyors of Highways
- 9th To choose Surveyors of Lumber

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- 10th To choose fence Viewers
- 11th To Choose a school Committee
- 12th To choose hog Reeves
- 13th To choose a Pound Keeper
- 14th To choose field Drivers and Tythingmen
- 15th To see if the town will pay Thomas Frost for fencing the road if he will consent to have it straight lined from his house to Josiah Beans
- 16th To raise money for the support of schools
- 17th To raise money for making & repairing highways
- 18th To raise money to defray town charges
- 19th To accept of roads & Accounts
- And to act on any other matter when met

Given under our hands and seals this 17th day of Febuary A.D.
1816

John Holt	}	Selectmen
Samuel Chapman		of
Barbour Bartlett		Bethel

Bethel Febuary 19th 1816

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Ebenezer Eames Constable

Bethel March th₄ 1816

Pursuant to the fore going Warrant the Inhabitants assembled and passed the following votes Viz.

- 1st Made choice of Jonas D. Meriam for Moderator
2^d Made choice of Barb^r Bartlett town clerk
3" Made choice of Barb^r Bartlett town Treasurer
4" Made choice of Eli Twitchell Esqr } Selectmen
Sam^l Chapman } and Assessors
Elias Bartlett }

carried up

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- 5" Set the Collection of taxes up at auction To be struck off to the lowest bider, and accordingly was struck off to Mr. Timothy Bean at four cents on a Dollar Mers. Samuel B. Locke, Reuben Bartlett appeared for his Bondsmen; and were accepted by the town

- 6" Voted that Timothy Bean serve as Collector and Constable
Highway Surveyors

Luther Bean	John Barker
Josiah Bean	Jonas Willis
James Hodsdon	Reuben Bartlett
Lieut John Russell	Ezra Twitchell J ^r .
Capt Daniel Groute	Timothy Chapman
Capt Jonathan Abbot	Capt. Peter Twitchell

Surveyors of Lumber

David Burbank	Calvin Twitchell
Amos Hills Esq. ^r ≠	Bezaleel Kindall

Fence Viewers

Moses Mason	Edmond Chapman
David Burbank	Aaron Frost

Took
the
Oath

Personally appeared the Selectmen and Assessors
and took the several oaths as the law directs before
James Eames Justice Peace

School Committee

Esq.^r Timothy Carter

Barbour Bartlett

Doct. Moses Mason

James Walker Esq.^r

Elias Bartlett

Tythingmen

Dea. Asa Kimball #

Jedediah Grove #

Lieut. John Russell #

James Walker Esq.^r #

Lieut. John Russell }

Pound Keeper

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Hog Reeves

Rev. Valentine Little #

Urban Shorey #

Rev. Arthur Drinkwater #

James Wheeler

Lieut P. Moulton

Luther Locke

Cyrus Mills

Nath^l Greenwood #

Lieut Jonas D. Meriam

Timothy Capen #

Theodore Stevens

Aaron Mason #

Eli Grover Jr. #

Field Drivers

Moses Mason

Timothy Capen

appointed on the adjournment

15th Voted to pass over the 15th article

16th Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the suport of scho-
ols

17th Voted that each district draw the same sum Which they pay.

18th Voted to raise one hundred and fifty dollars to defray town
charges

19th Voted to raise one thousand dollars to repair highways and
town ways

20th Voted that Mans labour and Ox labour should be valued as in

the year 1815

- 21th Voted to discontinue a road formerly laid out for John Mills
22^d Voted to accept a new road laid out for the benifit of
John Mills and others
23^d Voted to accept the account of Ebenezer Eames Constable \$5.50
24 Voted to accept the account of Decon John Holt for his
services as town clerk and Treasurer \$7.00
Selectmen and Assessors - - - 17.44
24.44

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- 25th Voted to accept the account of Lieut Sam^l Chapman for his
services as Selectman and assessor - - - \$19.96
26" Voted to accept of Barbr Bartlett account for his attendance
at Paris Court 2 sessions \$9.25 for cash paid by him \$6.00
and for other services as Selectman and Assessor \$26.41

Bethel March th₄ 1816

Personally apeared all those oficers who have not this mark ~~+~~
affixed to their names and took the several oaths to their respec-
tive offices as the law requires before James Eames and Eli Twitc-
hell Justices of the peace and Barbour Bartlett Town Clerk

Voted to adjourn this meeting held on the 4th of March 1816 to the
the first Monday in April in 1816 at eleven oclock in the fore-
noon at the centre school house in Bethel Jonas D. Meriam Moderator

Attest Barbour Bartlett town Clerk

Adjournment of March meeting

The inhabitants assembled agreeable to the adjournment at the
time and place and passed the following Votes Viz 1st Appointed
Benjamin Estes Jesse Dustin and Jonas D. Meriam tythingmen and
they took the oath

- 2^d Appointed Jedediah Burbank and Joshua Roberts Sealers of Leather and they took the oath.
- 3^d Gave in their votes for County Treasurer as follows for Henry Rust Esq. 73
- 4th Voted to divide the interest money due to the town equally, between the East and West Parrish, Ministiral sum \$196.75 the sum for the support of schools \$78.04
- 5th Voted to reconsider the last vote
- 6["] Voted that the Trustees divide the interest money between the three Denoninations according to their number and Strength.
- 7th Voted to reconsidder the votes appointing Mr. Little and Mr. Drinkwater Hog Reeves
- 8th Voted to accept the Account of Timothy Carter Esq. for his services as Trustee \$3.00
- 9th Voted to divide the interests money for the support of schools as the school money raised by the town is to be divided the present year.
- 10th Voted to desolve this meeting

Jonas D. Meriam Moderator

Barb^r. Bartlett Town

Clerk

April 1st A.D. 1816

A Warrant March 14th AD. 1816

- (LS) To Timothy Bean Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
- (LS) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Bethel of twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the

centre school house in Bethel on Monday the first day of April next at twelve oclock in the day to give in their votes for Gov. Lieut Gov. Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel
this 14th day of March AD. 1816

Eli Twitchell	}	Selectmen
Sam ^l Chapman		of Bethel

Pursuant to the fore going Warrant the Inhabitants met and gave in their votes as follows Viz.

For Gov.	{	Hon. Sam ^l Dexter had	88 votes
		Gen. John Brooks had	48 "
		Hon. W ^m Phillips had	1 "
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For Lieut. Gov.	{	Hon. W ^m King had	77
		Hon. W ^m Phillips had	47
		Hon. Sam ^l Dexter "	1
		Levi Whitman Esq "	1
		Levi Hubbard Esq "	1
		David Burbank "	1
For Senators	{	Levi Hubbard had	72
		Levi Whitman "	43

Constable return to the foregoing Warrant Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the free male Inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualified by law to vote for Gov. Leiut Gov. Counsellors and Sentators at ther in expressed to assemble at the time and place for the purposes within mentioned

Timothy Bean Cons.
Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

A Warrant March 14 1816

(L.S.) To Timothy Bean Constalbe of the town of of Bethel Greeting
(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to notify the qualified voters of the town of Bethel
to meet at the centre school house in said town on the first day
of April at four of the following articles Viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting
- 2^d To see what the town will do to provide for the children
of W^m Burk who are town paupers.
- 3^{ly} To see if the town will divide the fourth school district
side in to two district agreeable to the petition of James
Annas and others
- 4th To see if the town will choose a Committee to regulate the
ferries in said town

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this 14th day
of March AD. 1816

Eli Twitchell	Selectmen
Sam ^l Chapman	of Bethel

Pursuant to the warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the
town of Bethel to meet at the time and place for the purposes
within mentioned

Timothy Bean Constable

April 1st 1816

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened and the
inhabitants passed the following votes

- 1st Made choice of Jonas D. Meriam Moderator
- 2^d Voted to pass over the 2^d article
- 3^d Voted to divide the 4th school district the south side on
the Parish line
- 4th Voted to choose a Committee to regulate the ferries in

said town

5th Voted that the Selectmen be this Committee

6th Voted to dissovle this meeting

Jonas D. Meriam Moderator

B. Bartlett Town Clerk

A Road

Laid out a town road two rods in width for the benefit of John Mills Cyrus Mills and others beginning at the house of John Mills running south 38° East 120 rods to the land of Cyrus Mills thence the same cours 68 rods over the land of Cyrus Mills thence south 20° East 44 rods to the road near the widow Grover

Bethel Oct. 1816 Sam^l Chapman Select
Barb^r Bartlett of ^{men}Bethel

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A Resolve

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the House of Representatives June 7th 1815

On the petition of the town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, setting forth that the town meetings in said town since the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve had been illegal, that the said meetings were not legally warned, that the Clerks of said had omitted to record the seals of the Select mens warrants, for calling the meetings, and that the Collector of taxes for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen was not legally chosen by said town, and praying that the proceedings, acts and doings in the aforesaid particulars may be rendered valid Resolved that the proceedings aforesaid of the town of Bethel and the Collector of taxes be made valid and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been done and transacted according to the laws of this Commonwealth made and provided.

Sent up for concurrence

Timothy Biglow Speaker

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In Senate January 23^d 1816

Secretarys Office

January 26th 1816

A true Copy

Attest

Alden Bradford }

Read and Concurred

John Phillips President

January 23^d 1816

Approved

Calab Strong

Secretary of Commonwealth

A Warrant

(L.S.) To Timothy Bean Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
(L.S.) You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the free male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and upwards and resident in town for the space of one year next preceding haveing a free hold estate to the value of sixty pounds within said town of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the centre school house in Bethel on the first monday in May, which will be the sixth day at one of the oclock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing a Representative (if they see fit) to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel the 17th day of April A. D. 1816

Eli Twitchell
Sam^l C(h)apman
Elisas Bartlett }

Selectmen of
Bethel

Bethel May 6th 1816

Constable return to the fore going Warrant Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified the inhabitants of s^d town qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Timothy Bean Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants assembled and passed the following votes viz.

- 1st Voted that no person should sell spiritous liquor at or near the door of the said house
- 2^d Voted that the Rev. Arthur Drinkwater should address the throne of Grace by prayer
- 3^d Voted to take the minds of the people by polling the house, which was done to see if they would send a Representative which was decided to send one by fifty to forty
- 4th Gave in their votes for a Representative in the following manner viz. For Moses Mason-13, Barb^r Bartlett-20, Sam^l Chapman-29, Timothy Carter-32
- No choice
- 5th Next time of balloting Timothy Carter had 33 and Sam^l Chapman had 60 and was chosen
- 6th Voted that the names of those persons here after mentioned should be put into the Jury Box

Turn over for the names

Names put in the jury box May 6th 1816

Col Amos Hastings
Jonas Willis
Theodore Russell
Deac. Asa Kimball
Reuben Bartlett
Ephraim Powers
John Merrill

Timothy Hastings
Jedediah Burbank
Norman Clark
Thadeus Twitchell
Timothy Bean
Elias Bartlett
John Barker

Charles Stearns
 Sam^l Chapman
 Deac. John Holt
 Walter Mason
 Perigran Bartlett
 Amos Hills Esq.
 Lieut John Russell

Ebenezer Eames
 Barbour Bartlett
 Laid before the town
 by
 Eli Twitchell Selectmen
 Sam^l Chapman of Bethel

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(L.S.) To Timothy Bean Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

(L.S.)

(L.S.) In compliance to a resolve of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

You are required in the name of the Com'wth to notify and warn the male inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote in the choice of Senators in General Court, to assemble on monday the 20th day of May instant

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at one o'clock P.M. at the centre school house to give in their written votes on the following question to wit Shall the Legislature be requested to give its consent to the separation of the District of Main from Massachusetts proper and to the creation of said District into a separate State

And you are required to make return of this warrant with your doings

Given under our hands and seals this sixth day of May A.D. 1816

Eli Twitchell	}	Selectmen of Bethel
Sam ^l Chapman		
Elias Bartlett		

Bethel May 20th 1816

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitant of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Timothy Bean } Constable of Bethel

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May 20th 1816

In compliance to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants met at the time and place the meeting was opened and they brought in their votes for and against the separation of the District of Main from Massachusetts proper in the following manner Viz. Votes in favor of separation seventy - 70

Votes aganist separation twenty two - 22

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

A Warrant August 23^d 1816

L.S. } To Timothy Bean Constable of the of Bethel Greeting

L.S. } You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town Qualified by law to vote for Senators in siad Commonwealth to meet at the centre school house in said Bethel on the first monday of September next at one of the clock in the after noon to choose a Delegate to set in convention at the meeting house in Burnswick on the last monday of Sept. for the following purpose Viz. to assist in counting the returned votes of Yeas and Nays for and against the separation of Maine

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Maine from Massachusetts Proper and for the purpose of forming a Constituion agreeable to a resolve of the Commonwealth at their last session in June last

Also to give in their votes upon the following question viz.
Is it expedient that the District of Main shall be separated from
Massachusetts and become an independant that upon the terms and
conditions provided in an act entitled an act concerning the
separation fo Main from Massachusetts proper and forming the same
into a separate and independant State

Given under our hands and seals this twenty, Thursday of August
A.D. 1816

Eli Twitchell	}	Selectmen
Samuel Chapman		of Bethel

Bethel September 2^d 1816

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have duly notified the
inhabitants of s^d Town qualified as within mentioned to meet at
the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Timothy Bean } Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants met at the
time and place The meeting was opened the act was read and they
brought in their votes for and against the separation of the
District of Main from Massachusetts proper in the following manner
Viz.

Votes in favior in of separation were eightynine - 89

Votes against separation were thirty one - 31

Voted that the Selectmen should make inquiry into the affair al-
ledged against Timothy Capen

Votes given in for a Delagate were in the following manner and for
the following persons

Capt Sam^l Chapman had two - 2

Eli Twitchell Esq. had thirty four - 34

Barb^r Bartlett had seventy eight - 78

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

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A Warrant Oct 26th 1816

L.S. To Timothy Bean Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
L.S. Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of
Bethel duly qualified to vote for a Representative in the General
Court of said Commonwealth viz.

The male inhabitants of the town of Bethel being twenty one years
of age and upwards and resident in said town for the space of one
year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town
of the anual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of
sixty pounds to assemble at the centre school house in said Bethel
on the first monday of Nov^m at one of the Oclock P. M. to give
in their votes for a Representative of the people of s^d Common-
wealth in the Congress of the United States for the seventh eastern
District

Given under our hands and seals this 26th day of October
A. D. 1816

Eli Twitchell	}	Selectmen of Bethel
Sam ^l Chapman		
Elias Bartlett		

Bethel Nov. 4th 1816

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have duly notified the in-
habitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at
the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Timothy Bean } Constable

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November 4th 1816

In compliance to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants met at the
time and place-

The meeting was opened and they brought in their votes for a
Representative of the People of the seventh eastern District to
assemble in the Congress of the United States in the following
manner and for the following persons Viz.

For Hon. Albion H. Paris fourthy five - - - - 45

For Hon. Sam ^l A. Brodly	twenty four	- - - -	24
For Capt. Henry Rust	two	- - - - -	2
For Levi Whitman	one	- - - - -	1
			<u>72</u>

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

A Warrant February 17th 1817

L.S. To Timothy Bean Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
 L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts to summond & notify the male inhabitants of said
 town of twenty one years of age and upwards liable to be taxed
 who have resided in said town one year next preceeding his voting
 and not sussprted as a Pauper to assemble at the centre schoolhouse
 in Bethel on the first monday of March at ten O clock A.M. to
 make choice of a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^{dy} Town Clerk and Treasurer

3^{dy} Selectmen and all other Officers that towns are authorised
 to choose in the month of March or April annually.

Eli Twitchell	} Select men of Bethel	Given under our hands and seals
Elias Bartlett		this 17 th day of Feb. A. D. 1817

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Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have duly notified the inhab-
 itants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at
 the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Timothy Bean Constable

March 3^d 1817

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened the Voters
 1st Voted to adjourn said meeting to the centre Meeting House
 in said town

Agreeable to the above adjournment the meeting was opened at said

James Hodsdon
 Sam¹ Kimball
 James Beaty
 Micajah Blake
 Capt. Daniel Grout
 Jedidiah Burbank
 John Mills
 Simeon Twitchell
 Charles Stearns
 Ebeⁿ Eames
 Jonas Willis

Thomas Cushman
 Amos Hills Esq excusedX
 David Burbank
 James Beaty
 Charles Stearns
 Nath¹ Swan
 Eb^{en} Eames X
 Edmond Chapman X
 Timothy Chapman X

15^{ly} Tythingmen
 Jonas D. Meriam
 Deac. Asa Kimball
 Deac. Sam¹ Barker

16^{ly} Field Drivers
 Charles Stearns
 Reuben Bartlett
 Jonathan Wheeler
 Arnold Powers
 Silas Powers

The above named persons except those with this mark X personally appeared and took the oath to the several offices as the law directs

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17th Sealers of Leather
 Benj^a Brown
 Jedidiah Burbank
 Reuben Bartlett

19th Hog Reefs
 Micj. Blake
 Peter Frost

18th School Committee
 Timothy Carter Esq.
 Doct. Moses Mason
 Barb^r Bartlett
 Doct. John Grover
 Deac. Asa Kimball
 Elias Bartlett
 Perigine Bartlett

Elhanan Bartlett
Elias Bartlett X
Nathaniel Bean
W^m Russell J^r
Jacob Ellenwood X
Elijah Grover
David Burbank

Capt. Jon^a Abbot

20th Pound Keeper
Lieut John Russell

The above named persons who
have not this mark X affixed to
their names personally appeared
before Timothy Carter Esq. and took the oath to the several offices
as the law directs

21st Fence Viewers Ezra Twitchell Jr., Timtohy Carter Esq.,
Stephen Bartlett, Eli Grover Were sworn as above

22^d Voted that April meeting shall be warned to be at the Centre
Meeting house

23^d Voted to adjourn this March meeting to the first monday in
April at 3 O clock P. M. at the Centre Meeting house

Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

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April 7th 1817

A Warrant

(L.S.) To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to warn the male inhabitants of said town qualified
by the Constitution to vote for Gov. Lieut Gov. Senators and
Counsellors to meet at the centre Meeting house on Monday the
seventh day of April at eleven O clock A.M. to give in their
votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators & Counsellor agre-
eable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Given under our hands and seals at said Bethel this 15th

day of March A. D. 1817

Sam^l Chapman } Selectmen
Jonas Willis } of Bethel

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York } Constable

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Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened the Inhabitants brought in their votes for Gov. Lieut. Gov. Senators & Counsellors in the following manner Viz.

For	His excellency John Brooks	-	49
Gov.	Maj. Gen. Henry Dearbon	-	93

For	The Hon W ^m Philips	-	-	49
Lieut. Gov.	The Hon W ^m King	-	-	93

For	Levi Whitman Esq.	-	-	46
Senators	John Moor Esq.	---	----	86

Attest Barb^r Bartlett town Clerk

Warrant April 7th 1817

(L.S.) To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the centre Meeting House on Monday the 7th day of April next at one oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator
- 2^d To raise money to repair highways
- 3^d To raise money for schools
- 4th To raise money to defray town charges

- 5th To see if the town will assist the 7th School District in building a school house
 - 6th To see if the town will raise money to build a bridge over Bare River
 - 7th To give in their votes for a County Treasurer
 - 8 To act on any other article they may think proper when met.
- Given under our hands and seals this 15th day of March

A. D. 1817

Sam ^l Chapman	}	Selectmen
Jonas Willis		of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned Peter York Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant

- 1st the meeting was opened
 - Made choice of Capt. Jon^a Abbot Moderator
 - 2^d Gave ninety nine votes for Henry Rust for County Treasurer
 - 3^d Voted to raise eight hundred dollars to repair highways in s^d town
 - 4th Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the support of schools
 - 5th Voted to raise fifty dollars to defray town charges
 - 6th Voted not to assist the 7th District in building a school House
 - 7 Voted that the school money be divided so that each district may draw the same amount which they pay
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- 8th Voted that Thomas Frost be annexed to the first school District north side the River
- 9th Voted that the Constable clear the entry of spiritous liquor

- 10th Voted to choose a Committee to examine the best place to build a bridge over Bare River and ascertain the expence for building the same and make a report of their doings at the next meeting
- 11th Voted that Eli Twitchell Esq. Peter York Esq. and Capt. Daniel Grout be the Committee
- 12th Voted to accept of a road laid out leading from W^m Staples to the town line etc.
- 13th Voted to accept Eli Twitchell Esq. account \$35.99
- 14th Voted to accept Elias Bartlett's account - 12.36
- 15th Voted to allow Capt. S. Chapman's account 9.77
- 16th Voted to allow B. Bartlett's account -- -- 1.00
- 17th Voted to allow J. Holt's account -- -- 2.00
- 18th Voted to allow Asa Kimball's account -- 2.00
- 19th Voted to allow T. Carter Esq. account -- 1.00
- 20th Voted to adjourn this April meeting to the first Monday in May at 3 o Clock P.M.

Capt. Jon^a Abbot Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett^r Clerk

Agreeable to the adjournment of March meeting The meeting was opened at 3 o clock P.M. & Made choice of Joseph Twitchell a Surveyor of Lumber He was sworn as the law directs

Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett^r Clerk

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June 1816 A Road

Laid out a road leading from the schoolhouse near Mr. W^m Staples to Howard's Mills as follows; beginning east at the schoolhouse then northerally about 26 Degs west 54 rods then North about 10 Degs. west 100 rods to Howard's Gore pretty much as the road is now traveled to be considered a bridle road allowing a gate at the schoolhouse and on the town line to be kept up in the summer season

Eli Twitchell } Surveyor & Selectman
of Bethel
Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Clerk of s^d Bethel

(L.S.) To Peter York constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said
town qualified by law to vote for representatives in the Gen-
Court to meet at the centre Meeting house on the fifth day of
May next at one oclock P.M. for the purpose of choosing a person
to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened
or held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May
Given under our hands and seals at Bethel the 17th day of April
A.D. 1817

Sam^l Chapman } Selectmen
Peter York } of Bethel

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Bethel May 5th 1817

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified and warned the
male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to
meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned

Peter York } Const _____

- Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened
1st Voted see if the town would send a Representative to Boston
by Polling the house
2^d Upon polling the house it was declared a vote not to send
one

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Agreeable to the adjournment of April meeting the meeting was
opened on the 5th day of May

1st Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to examine the place for making a bridge over Bare River & ascertain the expense of the same

The whole cost for building said bridge agreeable to the report of said Committee is \$195.00

2^d Voted to accept the following Roads the first is a bridle road to be passable with gates

Capt. Jon^a Abbot Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Clerk

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A Road May 2^d 1817

Laid out a road for W^m Howards beginning at the line between Bethel and Howards Gore near where the road is now traveled running south 13 deg. east 40 rods then south 5 degs. west 45 rods then south 25 degs east 60 rods then south 10 degs east 48 rods to the County road near the schoolhouse by W^m Staples

Peter York } Selectmen
Jonas Willis } of Bethel

A Road May 3^d 1817

Laid out for the use of Peter Grover in the town of Bethel as followeth Beginning at the north west corner of Peter Grover's thence 44 rods North 40 deg. east thence 64 rods to a maple tree north 60 deg. east thence north 30 Deg. east 54 rods to the County road leading from Bethel to Greenwood

Sam^l Chapman } Selectmen
Jonas Willis } of Bethel

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(L.S.) To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the free holders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town meetings to assemble at the centre Meeting house in said Bethel on monday the 15th day of September inst. at two of the clock P.M. to act on the following articles Viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting
- 2 To see if the town will choose an Agent to attend the Circuit Court of Common Pleas holden in Paris on the first Tuesday of Oct next to show cause if any the town has why the Court should not give it a county road beginning at the County road some where between the houses of W^m Staples and the Widow Mary Capen runing by the dug hill thence to the town line.
- 3^d To see if the town will accept of a bridle road laid out for Elijah Bartlett
- 4th To see if the town will accept of a bridle road laid out from the road near Mr. Ebz. Eames to the road near Col. Amos Hastings.

Given under our hands and seals this sixth day of Sept. A.
D. 1817

Sam^l Chapman } Selectmen
Jonas Willis } of Bethel

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September 15th 1817

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of s^d town to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Peter York } Constable

Pursuant to the fore going warrant the meeting was opened

- 1st Made choice of Lt. Moses Bartlett for Moderator
- 2^d Voted to send an Agent to Paris Court
- 3^d Voted that Barb^r Bartlett serve as Agent

Sept^m 29th 1817

To Reuben Bartlett one of the freeholders of the town of
Bethel Greeting

L.S.

L.S.

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the centre Meeting House on Monday the twenty ninth day of Sept^m inst. at two of the oclock in the afternoon to act on on the following articles Viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting
- 2^d To see if the town will raise money to build a bridge over Bare River
- 3^d To act on any other matters the town may think proper when met

Given under our hands and seals this eighteenth day of
Sept^m A.D. 1817

Peter York } Selectmen
Jonas Willis } of
Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of s^d town to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes with mentioned

Peter York Constable

September 29th 1817

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened

- 1st Made choice of Eli Twitchell Esq. Moderator
- 2^d Voted to pass over the second article
- 3^d Voted that the Selectmen Act in the absence of the Committee in making some compromise with Mrs. Howards about their road
- 4th Voted to make and support a good road with two good gates to open both ways with iron Hinges and keep the same in good repairs
- 5th Voted that the Selectmen petition in behalf of this town to the town of Newry to lay out a road to meet the road in Bethel near Bare River

Eli Twitchell Esq Moderator
 Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

Nov^m 4th 1817

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel
 L.S. You are hereby required in the { Greeting
 name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify
 the free holders and other inhabitants of said town qualified
 by law to vote in town meeting to assemble at the centre meeting
 house on the fifteenth day of Nov^m inst at one of the oclock in
 P.M. to Act on the following articles viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting
- 2^d To see what method the town will take to provid for the children of W^m Burk
- 3^d To act on any other article proper to be Acted on when met
 Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this 4th day of
 Nov^m A D. 1817

Sam^l Chapman } Selectmen
 Jonas Willis } of Bethel

Nov^m 15th 1817

Pursuant to the fore going warrant I Have notified & warned
 the inhabitants of said town to meet at the time and Place and
 for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Constable

A Warrant January 5th 1818

L.S. To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town meetings to assemble at the centre Meeting house on monday the twelveth day of January instant at one oclock in the afternoon to act on the following artiles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting

2^{dly} To see if the town will choose a Committee to meet the Committee chosen by the town of Rumford to ascertain the legal settlement of Ephraim Coleby and his family

3^{dly} To see if town will raise any money to defray town charges

4th To see how much they will raise

Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of January 1818

Sam^l Chapman } Selctmen
Jonas Willis } of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I Have notified and warned the inhabitants of s^d town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York } Constable

Bethel Jan. 12th 1818

January 12th 1818

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and
1st Made choice Lt Moses Bartlett for Moderator

2^d Voted to choose a Committee to meet the Committee chosen by

the town of Rumford to ascertain the legal settlement of Ephraim Colby and family

3^{dly} Made choice of Timothy Carter Esq, Barb^r Bartlett and Josiah Bean for said Committee

4th Voted not to raise any money to defray town charges

Lieut Moses Bartlett Moderator

Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

Nov^m 15th 1817

Pursuant to a warrant on two pages back the meeting opened

1st Made choice of Lt Moses Bartlett Moderator

2 Voted to set up the youngest child of W^m Burk to be struck of(f) to the lowest bidder

3^d She was struck off to Stephen Bartlett at 47 cents per week till the first March meeting

4 Voted that Elias Bartlett take Charles the child of Mr. Burk and provide for him till he is twenty one with out charging any cost to the town

5th Voted that W^m Holt keep W^m Burk Jr till March meeting free from expence to the town

6th Voted to set John Burk to the lowest bidder Struck off to Stephen Bartlett at 22 cents per till March meeting

Lt Moses Bartlett Moderator

Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

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A Warrant March 18th 1818

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel

(Seal)

Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusstts to notify the inhabitants of said town duly qualified by law for the representative purposes of voting in the choice of town officers and other town matters to assemble at the centre

Meeting house on the 2^d day of March next at ten oclock in the forenoon to act on the following articles. Viz.

- 1st To choos a Moderator for said meeting
- 2 To choos a town Clerk
- 3 To choos Selectmen
- 4th To choose a Treasurer
- 5th To chose Assessors
- 6 To choose Overseers of the poor
- 7 To choose all other town officers necessary
- 8 To raise money for the support of schools
- 9 To raise money for the repair of Highway
- 10th To raise money to defray town charges
- 11 To act on any other matter which may be thought proper when met

Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of Feb^r A.D. 1818

Samuel Chapman } Selectmen
Jonas Willis } of Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned
Peter York Constable

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March 2^d 1818

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened the Inhabitants

- 1st Made choice of Doct Moses Mason for Moderator
- 2^d Made choice of Barb^r Bartlett Clerk
- 3^d Made choice of Capt. Jon^a Abbott, Capt Sam^l Chapman and Deac Asa Kimball for Selectmen
- 4th Made choice of Barb^r Bartlett Treasurer
- 5th Made choice of Capt. Jon^a Abbott, Capt. Sam^l Chapman and Deac. Asa Kimbal as Assessors

- 6th Voted that the Selectmen shall be overseers of poor
 7th Voted to raise \$400.00 for the support of schools
 8th Voted to raise \$1000.00 for the repairing of highway
 9th Voted to raise \$200.00 to defray town charges
 10th Voted to set up the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder
 it was struck to Mr D Burbank
 11th Voted to excuse him from serving
 12th Voted to set it up the second time
 13th Struck off to Peter York Esq^r at 4 cents on the dollar
 14th Voted that Peter York serve as Collector and Constable the
 year ensuing
 15th Voted to accept of Mr. Moses Mason and Mr. Benjamin Estes as
 his Bondsmen for the trust imposed in him as Collector
 Personally appeared the above named town officers except Capt Jon^a
 Abbot before Eli Twitchell just. Peace & by him swore
 Sown to the faithful discharge of the duty incumbant on such
 officers as the law directs person appeared Capt Jon^a Abbot before
 the town clerk and took the oath of Selectman & Assessors as the
 law directs Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 16th inst at
 3 oclock P. M.

Doctr Moses Mason Moderator

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March 16th 1818

To Peter York Cont^l of the tow of Bethel

(L.S.)

Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mass-
 achusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of s^d Bethel duly
 qualified to vote for representatives in general court of s^d Common-
 wealth viz. The male inhabitants of s^d town being twenty years of
 age and resident in s^d town for the space of one next preceding
 having a free hold estate within said town of the annual income
 of three pounds or any estate of sixty pounds to assemble at the

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centre Meeting house in said town on monday The 16th day of March next at one of the oclock P. M. to give in their votes for a representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the seventh Eastern District

Givern under our hands and seals this 28th day of Feb^r A.D. 1818

Sam^l Chapman } Selectmen
Jonas Willis } of Bethel

March 12th 1818

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned

Peter York } Const.

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March 16th 1818

Pursuant to the fore goin warrant the meeting was opened. The inhabitants brought in their votes for a Representative to Congress in the following manner Viz.

	Henry Rust Esq	one	1
For	Hon Judah Dana	seventeen	17
	Enoch Lincoln Esq	sixty	60

The meeting dissolved

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Pursuant to the adjournment of March meeting the Inhabitants passed the following votes and made choice of of the following town officers Viz.

Highway Surveyors	Surveyors of Lumber
William Andrews	Joseph Twitchell
Isaac Spafford	Meciaah Blake
Asa Kimball	David Burbank

Lt John Russell
Capt Danel Grout
Jedediah Burbank excused
Capt Peter Twitchell
James Annas
Jesse Dustin
Reuben Bartlett
Ezra Twitchell J^r
Edward Richardson

Tythingmen
Timothy Carter Esq^r
James Hodsdon
Jedediah Burbank

Fence Viewers
Thadeus Bartlett
Benj^a Estes

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Field Drivers
Job York
Moses Mason
Jon^a Wheeler
Ebezⁿ Eames J^r
Thomas Frost

Pound Keeper
Lieut John Russell

Hog Reeves
Job York
Benj^a Estes
Norman Clarke
Theodore Stearns X
Benj^a Wheeler
Joseph Holt
Asa Bartlett X
Elhanan Bartlett X
Justus Bean
Aaron Mason

School Committee
Barb^r Bartlett
Timothy Carter Esq^r
Elias Bartlett

Sextons
Isaac I. York
James Beaty
Isaac Towns
Aaron Mason
Jesse Dustin

Aucteoneers
James Walker J^r
William Holt

Voted to accept the following accounts Capt Sam^l Chapmans \$13.43
Peter York Esq - - 18.81
Jonas Willis - - - 13.52

Constables - - - 4.95

Voted to set up the town poor to the lowest bidder

Esther Burk struck to Elijah Grover at twenty dollars per year with out further expence

Voted that Jonas Willis take W^m Burk free from expence till April meeting

Voted that James Hodsdon take John Burk free from expence till Aprill meeting

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Mrs. Mary Himinway struck to Francis Heminway at one dollar & fifty cents per week

Voted to adjourn this meeting till monday the 6th of April at 3 oclock P. M.

Doct. Moses Mason Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Personally appeared the foregoing persons who have not this mark X affixed to their names before the town Clerk and were sworn to the faithful discharge as the law directs

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town ClerkWarrant for April Meeting March 20th 1818

(L.S.) To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel

(L.S.) Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the male inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote for Gov. and Lieut. Governor & those who are thereby qualified to vote for Senators & Counsellors to meet at the centre Meeting house on monday the 6th day of April next at one of the oclock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor Senator & Counsellor agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this 20th day of March A. D. 1818

PLEASE RETURN TO THE
Bethel Historical Society
BETHEL, MAINE 04217

Jon^a Abbot }
Sam^l Chapman } Selectmen
of Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I notified the inhabitants of Bethel
to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned
April 6th 1818 Peter York Constable

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April 6th 1818

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened and
the inhabitants brought in their votes in the following manner Viz.

For	His Excl. John Brooks had	51
Governor	Benj. W. Crowninshield had	71
For Lieut	Hon William Phillips had	51
Governor	Hon. Thomas Kitteredge had	71

For	Hon. Luther Cary had	51
Senators	Doct. Samuel Small had	69

Capt. Jon^a Abbot Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

A Warrant March 20th 1818

To Peter York Constable of Bethel

(L.S.)

Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said
Bethel qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet at the
centre meeting house in said Bethel on monday the 6th day of April
next at two oclock P.M. to act on the following articles VIZ.

- 1st To choos a Moderator to govern s^d meeting
- 2^d To see if the town will open the county road from Aaron Abbots
to Jon^a Abbots and to the town line
- 3^d To raise money to accomplish said work.
- 4th To choose a committee to superintend said business or to take

any other method the town shall think proper when met.

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- 5th To see what method the town will take to open the road from John Merrills to Peter York's and to transact any other business relating thereunto that the town shall think proper when met.
- 6th To give in their votes for a County Treasury
- 7th To see if the town will vote to authorise the Selectmen to present to the Grand Jury any person who shall sell spiritous liquor unlawfully on town meeting days.

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this 20th day of March A. D. 1818

Jon^a Abbot } Selectmen
Samuel Chapman } of Bethel

Pursuant to the within I have notified the inhabitants of said town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

April 6 1818 Peter York Constable

Pursuant to the fore going warrant the meeting was opened and made choice

- 1st of Amos Hills Esq^r for Moderator
- 2^d Voted to acct on the 6th article first
- 3^d Gave seventy one votes for Henry Rust Esq^r for County Treasurer
- 4th Voted to poll the house to ascertain the vote respecting opening the road from Aaron Abbots to the town line no vote
- 5th Voted to open same part of said road
- 6th Voted to pass over 2^d article
- 7th Voted to reconsider the last vote

- 8th Voted to pass over the 5th article
9th Voted to approbate the selectmen in presenting to the Grand Jury those persons who unlawfully sell spiritous liquor at town meetings _____

Meeting dissolved

Amos Hills Esqr Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

April 6th 1818

The following officers were chosen & votes taken on the adjournment of March meeting

- 1st Samuel Barker Jr Surveryor of highways
2^d Elhanan Bartlett Tythingman
3^d Vote that the Selectmen provide for William Burk discretionary
4th Voted to let Justces Bean take John Burk free from expence to the town untill he is 21 by the Selectmen clothing him decently
5th Voted to allow Stephen Bartlett account for clothing John Burk \$4.00

Personly appeard the said Barker and Bartlett before the Town Clerk and were sworn to the faithful discharge of their several offices

Meeting dissolved

Doct. Moses Mason Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

A Road for Elijah Bartlett

Laid out for the use of Elijah Bartlett in the town of Bethel a private way as followeth viz:

Beginning at a stake at the County road near Ephraim Powers Potah running South 50 degs West 120 rods thence S. 61 deg. W. 26 rods thence S. 66 deg. W. 20 rods thence S. 25 degs W. 18 rods th S. 31 degs. W. 11 rods th S. 32 degs. W. 18 rods thence S. 51 deg. W. 18 rds. then S. 47 deg. W. 12 rds. thence S. 42 deg. W. 14 rds. thu S. 37 deg. W. 10 rods thence S. 34 deg. W. 6 rods thence 60 deg W. 10 rods thence S. 41 deg. W. 10 rds. thence S. 29 deg. W. 12 rods thence S. 46 deg. W. 26 rods thence S. 70 deg. W. 10 rods thence South 45 deg. W. 6 rods th S. 27 deg W. 26 rods thence South 39 deg. W. 14 rds. thence S. 32 deg. W. 50 rods to his lot of land Said way to be two rods wide one half of which is to be on each side of said courses. Bethel July 23^d 1817

Peter York }
Jonas Willis } Selectmen of Bethel

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May Meeting 1818

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel

(L.S.)

Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the the free holders and the inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representative to meet in the centre Meeting in said Bethel on monday the fourth day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a person to represent them at General Court to be holden at Boston on the last wednesday of May next. And make a return of this warrant with your doings on or before said

Given under our hands and Seals at Bethel this eighteenth day of April A.D. 1818

Jona^u Abbot }
Sam^l Chapman } Selectmen
of Bethel

Bethel May 4th 1818

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the with inhabitants of Bethel qualified by the Constitution to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Peter York Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the following votes passed

1st Voted to poll the house to see if the town will send a representative

2^d Voted not to send one by polling the house

Sam^l Chapman Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

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To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
(L.S.) Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bethel duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth to assemble at the centre Meeting House in Bethel on Monday the second day of November next being the first Monday in said month at one of the o'clock P.M. to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Seventh eastern district.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty third day of October A. D. 1818

Jon^a Abbot } Selectmen
Samuel Chapman } of Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the votes for a federal Representative to Congress were given in the following manner VIZ.

For Enoch Lincoln Esq twenty six 26

For Samuel Bradly four 4

Jon^a Abbot Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

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Warrant for March meeting 1819

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
(L.S.) Massachusetts to summon and notify the free holders and
(L.S.) other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in
town for the choice of town officers to assemble at the centre
Meeting on Monday the first day of March next at ton of the clock
in the forenoon to act on the following articles VIZ.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2^d To choose a Clerk
- 3^d To choose a Treasurer
- 4 To choose Selectmen
- 5 To choose Assessors of rates
- 6 To choose a Constable and Collector of taxes
- 7 To choose Surveyors of highways
- 8 To choose Surveyors of Boards plank timber Slitwork Shingles
& Clapboards
- 9 To choose Fence Viewers
- 10 To choose Tythingmen
- 11 To choose Hogreeves
- 12 To choose a Poundkeeper
- 13 To choose Fieldddrivers
- 14 To choose a Schoocommittee

- 15 To choose Overseers of the poor
- 16 To give in their votes for County Treasurer
- 17 To see if the town will accept of certain Roads laid out by the selectmen

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this 2 day of
Feb^r 1819

Jon ^a Abbot	Selectmen
Sam ^l Chapman	of Bethel
Asa Kimball	

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Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein is proced to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Constable

March 1st 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and

- 1st Made chosie of Doct. Moses Mason Moderator
- 2^d Made chosie of Barb^r Bartlett Clerk
- 3^d Made chosie of Barb^r Bartlett Treasuer
- 4th Made chosie of Capt. Jon^a Abbot 1st Selectman
- 5th Made choice of Col. S. Chapman 2^d Selectman
- 6th Made choice of Peter York 3^d Selectmen
- 7th Made choice of Capt. Jon^a Abbot Colo Sam^l Chapman and Peter York Esq Assessors for the present year

Personally appeared the above named persons before Timothy Carter Just. Peace and were sworn to the faithful discharge of the several officers to which they were appointed as the law directs.

The laws agreeable to law were read

- 8th Voted topass over the 6th article

- 9th Highway Surveyors

Adam Willis

Joseph C. Walker

Reuben Bartlett

Capt. Daniel Grout

Ezra Twitchell
Timothy Chapman X
X excused
Phinehas Howard
Sam¹ Kimball
Deac. John Holt

Robbins Brown
Jedediah Grover J^r
John Mills
Aaron Mason

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10th Hog Reefs
James Cummings⁺
Sam¹ Barker J^r ⁺
Holica Greenwood⁺
John Y. Dustin⁺
Hiram Allen ⁺
James Walker J^r
Thadues Greenwood
Adam Willis
Jon^a A. Russell

13th Ththing Men
Peregneen Bartlett
Jedediah Burbank
Robbins Brown
Deac. John Holt
W^m Staples
Joseph Twitchell
15th School Committee
Timothy Carter
Dr. Moses Mason
Dr John Grover
Barb^r Bartlett

11th Surveyors of Lumber
Joseph Twitchell
David Burbank
Mica^z Blake

12th Fence Viewers
W^m Andrews
Jacob Ellinwood
Aaron Mason
Jeded^h Groover

These three the
town voted to excuse
from serving
14th Pound Keeper
John Russell
16th Field Drivers
Moses Mason
W^m Russell 2^d
Peter Estes

Elias Bartlett

17th Overseer of the Poor

Ebenezer Eames Eli Twitchell Esq. and Moses Mason

Gave in their votes for County Treasurer in the following manner.

For Henry Rust Esq. seventy two 72

18th Voted to accept the following roads viz.

one for John Stevens & others and one for W^m Oliven &

19th Voted to adjourn this meeting one hour

Doct. Moses Mason Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

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The 2^d Warrant March 1st 1819

To Peter York Constable of the of Bethel

(L.S.) Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth

(L.S.) of Massachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town meetings for the purpose of raising money to meet and assemble at the centre Meeting house on monday the first day of March next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator

2^d To accept accoutpts and to hear the State of the Treasury.

3^d To raise money to defray town charges & to support the poor

4th To raise money to repair highways

5th To raise money for the support of schools

Given under our hands and seals this second day of Feb^r A. A.
1819

Jon^a Abbot
Sam^l Chapman
Asa Kimball

Selectmen of
Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the
Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble
at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Peter York Constable

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March 1st 1819

1st Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened &
Made choice of Sam^l Kimball Moderator

2^d Voted to accept the following acconpts

Deac. Asa Kimballs - - - \$18.54

Col. Sam^l Chapmans - - - 24.34

Capt. Jon^a Abbots - - - 48.40

Peter Yorks - - - 5.25

96.53

Voted to raise six hundred dollars to defray town charges and for
the support of the Poor - - - - - 600.00

Voted to raise fifteen hundred 1500.00 dollars to repair highways

Voted to raise five hundred dls. 500.00 for the support of schools

Samuel Kimball Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Clerk

Adjournment of the other meeting for one hour Doct. Mason
Moderator

1st Voted to set up the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder
Struck off to Peter York at four cents on the dollar

2^d Voted that Peter York serve as Constable and Collector
Samuel B. Locke and James Swan appeared and were accepted as his
bondsmen

Doct. Mason Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

March 1st 1819

This day personally appeared those person who were now appointed in office who have not this mark ~~A~~ affixed to their names before the Town Clerk and were sworn to the faithful discharge of the several offices to which they were appointed as the law directs
 -- Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

3^dWarrant March 1st 1819

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel

(L.S.)

Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the free holders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet and assemble at the centre Meeting house in said town on monday the first day of March next at three oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles VIZ.

1stTo choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting2^d

To see if the town will vote to divide the first school district north side of the River

3^d

To see if the town will vote to help the second and seventh school district towards building and finishing their school houses

4th

To see if the town will vote to divide the third school district

5th

To see if the town will vote to do anything about maintaining Samuel Ayeron paying any of the demands that are now against the Estate to prevent the real Estate from being sold

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this fifteenth day of Feb^r A. D. 1819

Jon^a Abbot
 Sam^l Chapman

Selectmen
 of Bethel

March 1st 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Peter York Consts

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened and the following votes were passed VIZ.

- 1st Made choise of Doct^r Moses Mason Moderator
- 2^d Voted to divide the 1st School district north side of the river near Mr. Willis
- 3^d Voted to assis the 7th school district \$40.00 dollars towards building a school house
- 4th Voted to assist the 2^d school district \$30.00 dollars towards building a school house
- 5th Voted not to divide the 3^d school district
- 6th Voted to do something for Sam^l Ayer.
- 7th Voted to reconsider the last vote
- 8th Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at 2 of the oclock P. M.

Doct Moses Mason Moderator
Attest Barbr^e Bartlett } Clerk

April 5th 1819

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
(L.S.) of Massachusetts to warn the male inhabitants of said Bethel qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Leiut.
Governor and those who are thereby qualified to vote for Counselors and Senators to meet at the centre Meeting house on Monday the fifth day of April next at one of the oclock P. M. to give

in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor and Senators and
Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution

Given under our hands and Seals at Bethel this 6th day of March
A. D. 1819

Sam ^l Chapman	}	Selectmen of Bethel
Peter York		

Bethel April 5th 1819

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the inhabitants of
said Bethel qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time
and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Constable

April 5th 1819 Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was
opened and the Inhabitants gave their votes for Governor Lt. Gov-
ernor Senators and Counsellors in the following manner VIZ.

For Governor	}	His Exel. John Brooks had	29
		Hon Benj. W. Crowninshield	79
For Lt Governor	}	Hon. W ^m Phillips had	28
		Hon Benj Aastin	77
		James Honestus	2
Senators		Peleg Wordsworth	26
and Counsellors		John Moon	75

Capt Jonath Abbot Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

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To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
(L.S.) of Massachusetts to notify and warn the free holders and
other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town
meetings to raise money to assemble at the centre meeting house
on Monday the fifth day of April next at three of the oclock P. M.
to act on the following articles VIZ.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting

2^d To see if the town will accept the proposals which may then be made by Cyrus Mills relative to a Settlement

3^d To see if the town will enforce the act allowing a bounty for Bears killed in town

4th To see if the town enforce the bird act

5th To see if the town will reconsider any of the votes which were passed at the last annual meeting relative to the school money and money to repair highways and vote a smaller sum

6th To act on any other article which may be thought proper when met

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this 6th day of March A. D. 1819

Sam ^l Chapman	}	Selectmen
Peter York		of Bethel

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April 5th 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the following votes were passed VIZ.

1st Made choice of Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator

2^d Voted to choose a Committee to examine into the affairs of Cyrus Mills as it respects his being trusted by the town of Bethel

3^d Made choice of Timothy Hastings and Timothy Carter Esq. and Charles Stearns of said Committee

4th Voted to give a bounty for Bears providing he who takes the Bear will produce the out out haring said bounty to be reduced from the State taxes

5th Voted to give ten dollars for every full grown Bear on the

the above conditions

- 6th Voted to give as much for cubs as the State will allow
- 7th Voted not to enforce the bird act for one year
- 8th Voted to act on the fifth article at May meeting on the adjournment of this meeting
- 9th Voted to give a bounty on crows heads
- 10th Voted to give twenty five cts per head
- 11th Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in May at two of the oclock P. M.

Timothy Carter } Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Clerk of Bethel

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April 5th 1819

Pursuant to the adjournment of March meeting the meeting was opened and the following votes were passed VIZ.

- 1st Voted to choose a person to make enquiry into the situation of the property belonging to Samuel Ayer
- 2^d Voted that Timothy Carter make the enquiry and report at May meeting
- 3^d Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May at three o'clock P. M.

Timothy Carter Moderator pro tem
Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Clerk

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May 3^d 1819

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
L.S. Massachusetts to notify and warn the free holders and other

inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet and assemble at the centre meeting in said town on monday the third day of May next at twelve O clock to act on the following articles VIZ.

1st To choose a Moderator

To see if the town will vote to petition to the General Court to have the District of Maine separate from Massachusetts and become a separate state

and to transact any business relating then to when met
Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this twenty first day of April Anno domony 1819

Jona^u Abbot Selectmen
Peter York of Bethel

May 3^d 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Peter York Constable of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the following votes were passed VIZ.

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1st Made choice Doc^t M. Mason Moderator

Voted in favour of Separation of Polling the house twenty one against & seventy two in favour of Separation

Doct. M. Mason Moderator
Attest Barbr Bartlett Clerk

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel

(L.S.) Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth

of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and upwards qualified by law to vote in the choice of a Representative in said town to meet at the centre Meeting on monday the third day of May next at one Oclock in the afternoon to chose a representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convined and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May

Given under our hands and seals this twentuth day of April A.D. 1819

Sam^l Chapman } Selectmen
Peter York } of Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned
Peter York Constable

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May 3^d 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and
1st Voted to send a Representative by polling the house and the votes were given in the following manner VIZ.

Eli Twitchell Esq. had seventeen	17
Barb ^r Bartlett had thirty three	33
Doc ^t M. Mason had sixty four	64

Jonathan Abbot Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Voted that our Representative advocate the Separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts proper

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

May 3 1819 Agreeable to the adjournment of April meeting the meeting was opened and the following votes were taken VIZ.

1st Voted to give the Assessors instructions not to assess but

- 325 dollars of the school money raised at the annual meeting
- 2^d Voted to give the Assessors instructions not to assess but 800 dollars of the money raised to repair highways at the annual meeting
- 3^d Voted that 200 dollars in addition to the 800 be assessed for the purpose of being expended on particular bad bad peices of roads in Bethel

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- 4th Voted to appoint an agent to say where this 200 dollars shall be expended
- 5th Voted that Capt. Daniel Grout be this Agent
- 6th Voted not to any thing as it respects a settlement with Cyrus Mills and others
- 7th Voted to reconsider the vote as it respects the division of the first school district north side of the river

Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

May 3^d 1819 Pursuant to the adjournment of April meeting which was held on the adjournment of March meeting the following votes were passed VIZ.

- 1st Heard the report of Timothy Carter Esq. relating to the situation and circumstances of the property belonging to Sam^l Ayer
- 2^d Voted that the Trustees divide the intrests of the Ministeral Fund agreeable to the Charter

Doc^t M. Mason Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Names put in the Jury Box May 1819

Hezchiah Andrews

Jonathan Abbot

John Barker

Jedediah Burbank

Robbins Brown

Micaiah Blake

Luther Bean

John Case

Norman Clark

Eben^r Eames Jr.

Daniel Grout

Barb^r Bartlett

Laid before the town by

Amos Hills

Timothy A. Holt

Jon^a Powers

John Russell

W^m Russell Jr.Eben^r Richards

Charles Stearns

Ezra Twitchell Jr.

Cyrus Twitchell

Joseph C. Walker

Jonas Willis

Peter York

Jon ^a Abbot	}	Select
Peter York		men of
		Bethel

A Road May 1819

We the Subscribers laid out the following rod viz. Beginning at the County road on Jon^a Abbots land and running north 18 Deg east 40 rods near the west end of Micaiah Blakes house thence north 8 Deg E 60 rods thence north 33 Degs 60 rods thence north 1 Deg 80 rods thence north 12 Deg W 60 rods thence north 11 Deg E. 40 rods thence north 19 Deg. E. 80 rods By Eben^r Beans barn to the lot line between Bean & Stevens Thence north 19 Deg. W. on the lot line 140 rods thence north 28 Degs. W. 120 rods to the road that runs from Elijah Bartletts to Ephraim Powers said line is in the middle of the road which is 3 rods wide and to be a bridle road through John Cushman's field for the term of 10 years after that to be laid open

Jon ^a Abbot	}	Selectmen
Asa Kimball		of Bethel

A Road

By a request of W^m Oliver we the subscribers have laid out the following roads VIZ.

Beginning at the back of the great river in Bethel by the fording way at Sunday Rippsso called on the east side of the river and running on the bank of the river south 7 Degs E 10 rods thence E 30 Deg. South 20 rods to the fore side of W^m Oliver's House Thence E 4 Deg. S 14 rods Thence South 38 Deg. E. 20 Rods Thence South 28 Deg. E. 70 rods to the road that leads from Bezalulo Kendals to former Beatys said road is to be two rods wide said line is the middle of said road on the said Oliver is to give the land and fence the road.

Bethel July 9th 1818

Jon^a Abbot } Selectmen
Sam^l Chapman } of Bethel

A Road May 15th 1819

Laid out a road in the following manner Beginning 2 rods south of the house of Ebenzer Beans house and running E. 13 degrees S. by the north side of John Mills Barn to the Road that leads to Peter Twitchell and to Nath^l Greenwoods 100 rods then N 27 D. W. 70 R. then 8^o W. 60 R. then North 6^o E. 80 Rods to the end of Elijah Grovers Barn then North 200 R. to the west end of Thaddus Greenwoods house then North 10 D. west 78 R. to the Road that leads from Gilead to Capt. Eleazer Twitchells Mills said line to be

to be the centre of the road which is 3 R. wide called Pleasant river Road

Jonath Abbot } by order of the Selectmen
of Bethel

A Road

Laid out for the use of Jedidiah Grover and 8 others petitioners in Bethel a town road as follows VIZ. Beginning at a stake on the south side of the road near the dwelling of Doct. John Grovers land and Amasa Clerks running south 27° W 80 rods to a stake and stones thence South 25° W. 46 rods to stake & stones thence south 7° W. 20 rods to stake & stones thence South 17° W. 26 rods to stake and stones thence South 40° W. 66 rods to stake & stones Thence S. 34° W. 83 rods to stake & stones thence S. 43° W. 94 rods to a stake and stones thence S. 3° E. 76 rods to a stake & stones thence S. 15° W. 39 to a hemlock tree thence S. 14° W. 146 to a stake and stones thence S. 22° W. 40 rods to a stake & stones thence S. 50° W. 22 rods to a stake and stones thence S. 30° W. 20 rods to a hemlock stub thence S. 52° W. 70 rods to a stake & Stones thence S. 31° W. 30 rods to a stake & stones thence S. 5° W. 8 rods to the House of Widow Lydia Grover said highway to be three rods wide laying on either side said courses

Bethel June 25th 1819

Samuel Chapman	}	Selectmen
Peter York		of Bethel

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A Road

Agreeable to the laws of this Commonwealth we do hereby authorise and empower Jonathan Abbot to cay out a road beginning near Mr. Thads. Bartletts house running to the south line of

Bethel near Alder River Pond	Jon ^a Abbot	}	Select
Bethel Septm. 18 th 1819	Sam ^l Chapman		men
	Peter York		of Bethel

I have laid out a rod as follows VIZ.

Beginning at the County road near Mr. Sam^l Ayers and Thaddus Bartlett on the line between s^d Ayer & Bartlett and running south

20° East to the north east corner of Nath^l Beans land 61 Rods then south 18° West 753 Rods to the east side of Otter Pond thence south 78° West 20 rods then south 27° West 60 rods then S. 68 Rods then south 12° West 40 rods then South 6° west 202 rods then south 21 west 89 Rods then south 27 Rods then south 10° West 72 rods to Greenwood Line. Said line is the middle of the Road and laid out four rods wide and called Otter Pond road - Jon^a Abbot

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Clerk

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To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel

L.S.

Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the in the name of the Common-
L.S. wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholder and other inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet and assemble at the centre meeting house in said Bethel on monday the twenty sixth instant at ten oclock A. M. to act on the following articles VIZ.

- 1st To choose a moderator
- 2^d To see if the town will vote to rebuild Alder River Bridge -
- 3^d To choose a committee to superintend the building of said Bridge
- 4 To raise money to build said Bridge
- 5 To let out s^d Bridge by the jobb on to transact any bussiness relating there to that the town may think proper when met
- 6 To see if will accept of the several roads laid out by the selectmen.
- 7 To see if the town will choose an Agent to Paris Court to try for a revisal of the road from Dec. S. Barker to Ebenezer^r Eames

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this fourteenth day of July A. D. 1819

Jonat^h Abbot Selectmen
Sam^l Chapman of Bethel
Peter York

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July 26th 1819

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of s^d town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the following votes were taken VIZ.

- 1st Made choice of Doct. M. Mason Moderator
- 2^d Voted to rebuild Alder River Bridge
- 3^d Voted that the following persons be a Committee to superintend the building of said Bridge VIZ. Timothy Carter Esq. Capt. Daniel Grout and Luther Bean
- 4th Voted that Capt. Daniel Grout be dismissed from the above Committee
- 5th Voted that Sam^l B. Lock be one of the above Committee
- 6th Voted that this Committee make & lay before the town a plan of Alder River Bridge on the adjournment of this meeting
- 7 Voted to adjourn this meeting 1½ hours to this place

Agreeable to the above adjournment the meeting was opened and the following votes were taken VIZ.

- 1st Voted to petition to the Court of Sessions for a discontinuance of the new County road from Mr. Ebenm Eames to John Merrill and to petition for a new county road from Mr. E. Eames to John Merrills
- 2^d Voted to have the stringers 33 feet long for Alder River Bridge

- 3 Voted to pay one half in produce the other half in cash for building s^d Bridge
- 4th Voted to vendue the building of s^d Bridge to the lowest bidder
- 5 Struck of to Capt Daniel Grout at 145 dollars

Doct. M Mason Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

L.S. To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel

L.S. Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualified by law to vote for Governor & Senators to meet and assemble at the centre Meeting House in Bethel on monday the twenty sixth inst at one of the clock P. M. to give in their votes upon the important question of the separation of the district of Maine from Massachusetts proper and to become a separate and independant State

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this 14th day of July 1819

Jon^a Abbot

Sam^l Chapman

Peter York

Selectmen of
Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have warned and notified the inhabitants of s^d town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Constable

July 26th 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the following votes were taken in the following manner VIZ. For and aganist the Separation of Main from Massachusetts proper

In favour of Separation one hundred and seventeen - - 117
 Against Separation twenty four - - 24

Jonath Abbot Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett } T Clerk

A Warrant Sept^r 20 1819

L.S. To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel

L.S. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet and assemble at the centre Meeting House in said Bethel on Monday the twentieth inst. at ten oclock A.M. to act on the following articles VIZ.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting
- 2^d To see what method the town will take to repair the road from Aaron Abbot to Greenwood line by Thomas Cushmans and to raise money for the same
- 3^d To accept of Roads laid out in s^d town
- 4th To regulate the Ferry way at Dec. S. Barkers
- 5th To see if the town will vote to direct the Selectmen to petition the Court of Sessions for a Committee to review the County roads from Du. Barkers to Bare River and make alterations in the same

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- 6th To choose an Agent to Paris Court to get the complaint taken off of the road thur Annas District or pul by title on other Court

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this 11th
 day of Septm 1819

Jonat^h Abbot
 Sam^l Chapman

} Selectmen of
 Bethel

Pursuant to the within I have notified the free holders and other inhabitants to to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened
and
1st Made choice of Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator
2^d Voted to pass over the second article and act on the sixth
3^d Voted to send an Agent to Paris Court to attend to the complaint on the road throu Mr Annas District
4 Maid choice of Capt. J Abbot Agent for this purpose
5 Voted that the town Authorise the Selectmen to petition the Court of Sessions to reduse the rate of fees down to the sum specified agreeable to a vote of the town passed in 1803
6 Voted to authorise the Selectmen to pition the court of Sessions to send a reviewing committee to see if the road from Gen. Hastings potatoc hole by Nath^l Swans to John Merrills can be altered

Timothy Carter Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Clerk of Bethel

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A Warrant Sept^m 20th 1819

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
L.S. Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other
L.S. inhabitants of said Bethel qualified by law to vote in the
choice of Representatives to meet and assemble at the centre Meeting
House in Bethel on monday the twentieth inst at two of the oclock
P.M. to give in their votes for a suitable person for a deligate
to sit in Convention at Portland with Deligates from the several
towns in the District of Main for the purpose of transacting

business concerning forming the same into a new State and to form the Constitution for the same agreeable to a law of this Commonwealth passed at the last session of the General Court and in conformity to the Governors Proclamation there upon ———

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this eleventh day of Sept 1819

Jonathan Abbot } Selectmen
Sam^l Chapman } of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified the free holders & other inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Const

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September 20th 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the votes for a deligate to sit in convention at Portland with the Deligates from other town in the District of Maine were given in the following manner

VIZ. For E. Twitchell Esq.	22
For T. Carter Esq.	4
For M. Mason Esq.	9
For B. Bartlett	17
For Doct. J. Grover	63

Capt. Jon^a Abbot Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

A Warrant Decm^r 6th 1819

L.S. To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel

L.S. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the free holders and other

inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet and assemble at the centre Meeting House in Bethel on monday the sixth day of December next at eleven oclock A. M. to give in their votes either in favor or against the Constitution of the state of Main fraimed by the Convention held in Portland in Octob^r last by deligates from the several towns in Said Main agreeable to an act of the Gen. Court of Massachusetts passed at the last Session. Given under our hands and Seals this

20th day of
Novemb^r 1819

Jon^a Abbot }
Peter York } Select
men of
Bethel

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December 1st 1819

Pursuant to the within warrant I notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Peter York Constable

December 6th 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the votes were given in the following manner VIZ.

In favor of accepting the Constitution of Main eighty five 85
And against accepting it nine 9

Capt. Jonath Abbot Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

A Warrant December 6th 1819

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel

L.S.

Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the free holders and other inhabitants of s^d Bethel qualified by law to vote in town meeting to meet and assemble at the Centre meeting house in Bethel on

Monday the sixth day of December next at one of the oclock P. M.
to act on the following articles VIZ.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting
- 2^d To see if the town will vote to build a bridge over Sunday
river and bare River or either of them

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- 3^d To raise money for the building of said Bridges
- 4 To choose a Committee to superintend Said Bridges and to
confer with Newry in regard to building Bare River Bridge
and to transact any business relating thereto that the town
shall think proper when met.

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this twentieth
day of November A. D. 1819

Jon^a Abbot } Selectmen
Peter York } of Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants
of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the
time and place & for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Constable of Bethel

December 6th 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and
the following votes were taken VIZ.

- 1st Made choice of Doct. John Grover Moderator to govern s^d
meeting
- 2^d Voted to build that part of bare River Bridge which belongs
to Bethel
- 3^d Voted to choose a Committee of three to superintend and con-
fer with Newry in building said bridge
- 4 Voted that Eli Twitchell Esq. Capt. Daniel Grout and Gen
Amos Hastings should be this Committee

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- 5 Voted to pass over the remaining parts of the second article
- 6 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in March
at three of the oclock in the afternoon at the centre Meeting
House in Bethel

Doct. John Grover Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

A Warrant March 6th 1820

L.S. To Peter York Constable of Bethel Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of

L.S. Massachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders and other
inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town meetings
to meet and assemble at the centre Meeting House in s^d Bethel
on monday the sixth day of March next at ten oclock A. M. to act
on the following articles VIZ.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting
- 2^d To choose a Clerk
- 3^d To choose Selectmen
- 4th To choose Assessors
- 5th To choose Overseers of the Poor
- 6th To choose a Treasurer
- 7th To choose a Collector of taxes
- 8th To choose a Constable
- 9th To choose Surveyors of Highways
- 10th To choose Surveyors of Lumber

carried up

- 11th To choose Fence viewers
- 12th To choose Tythingmen
- 13th To choose Hogleeys

- 14th To choose a Pound Keeper
- 15th To choose Field Drivers
- 16th To choose a School Committee

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this twelveth day
of February in the year of our Lord 1820

Jonathan Abbot	Selectmen
Sam ^l Chapman	of s ^d Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants
of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the
time and place and for the purposls within mentioned March 6
1820 Peter York Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the
following votes were passed VIZ.

- 1st Made choice by ballot of Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator to
govern s^d meeting
- 2^d Made choice of Barb^r Bartlett Tow Clerk
- 3^d Made choice of Tomothy Carter 1st Selectman
- 4th Voted that Assessors be chosen separate from the Selectmen
- 5th Made choice od Doct. Grover 2^d Selectman
- 6th Made choice of Deau J. Holt 3^d Selectman

The above named Selectmen were sworn to the faithful discharge
of that office as the law directs by J. Walker Just. peace
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- 7th Made choice of Eli Twitchell Esq. 1st Assessor
- 8th Made choice of Isaac Town 2^d Assessor
- 9th Made choice of Elias Bartlett 3^d Assessor
- 10th Voted to excuse E. Bartlett from serving
- 11th Made choice of Luther Bean 3^d Assessor

12th Voted that the Selectmen be Overseers of the Poor

13th Made choice of B. Bartlett Treasurer

The town Clerk Assessors and Treasurer were sworn to the faithful discharge of their respective offices as the law directs by T. Carter Esq.

14 Voted to set up the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder - Struck off to Peter York Esq at $3\frac{3}{4}$ percent

15 Voted that Peter York Esq. serve as Collector and Constable Jonas Willis and Sam^l Kimball came forward as Bondsmen for for said Collector and the town voted to accept them-- Said York took the oath of Constable and Collector as the law directs before T. Carter Esq.

16 Voted that the following persons be

Highway - Surveyors

Ebr Richardson

Barbr Bartlett

Peter York

Elhanan Bartlett

Hezekiah Andrews

Timothy Bean

Israel Kimball

Micaiah Blake

Doct Moses Mason

Norman Clark

Harman Holt

Elijah Grover

Nathan Grover

Luther Bean

Adam Willis

17

Pound Keeper

Israel Kimball

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18 Surveyors of Lumber

Robbins Brown +

Joseph Twitchell

Amos Hills Esq +

David Burbank

Micaiah Blake

Luther Bean

Capt Jonathan Abbot

19

Fence Viewers

John Ellinwood

John Merrill

Ebenezer Eames Jr.

Col. Sam^l Chapman +

20

Tything Men

Moses Mason

Peter York

Elias Bartlett

Charles Stearns +

Capt. Jonathan Abbot

Jonas Willis

21

Field Drivers

John Cushman +

Phinehas Howard

22

School Committee

Timothy Carter Esq.

Doct Moses Mason

Moses Bartlett +

Col. S. Chapman +

Barb^r Bartlett

Elias Bartlett

All the above named Officer that have not this mark affixed
to their names were sworn into office as the law directs

Timothy Carter Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Attached below pages 317/ and 318

Hog Reefs

John Hastings

Adam Willis +

Clark Kimball

Timothy Chapman

Elias Grover

Levi Shaw +

John Ellinwood

Moses Bartlett

Daniel Wheeler

Eben^z Bean Jr +

Attached between pages 318 and 319 a scrap of paper with
NOTICE on it but that was all that could be made out.

A Warrant March 6th 1820

To Peter York Constable of Bethel

L.S. Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the of the Common-
L.S. wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders
and other Inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualified by law to
vote in town meetings to meet and assemble at the centre Meeting
House in said Bethel on Monday the sixth day of March next at
two of the oclock in the afternoon to act on the following art-
icles VIZ.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d Meeting
- 2^d To raise money to build Alder R. Bridge
- 3^d To raise money to build Bare R. Bridge
- 4th To raise money to repair Highways
- 5th To raise money to defray town Charges
- 6th To raise money for schooling
- 7th To raise money to support the poor
- 8th To receive accounts and act on any other matters the town
shall think proper when met - Given under our hands and seals
at Bethel this twentieth day of February A. D. 1820

Jonathan Abbot } Selectmen
Sam^l Chapman } of Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summond and notified the
inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assem-
ble at at the time and place and for the purpous within mentioned
March 6th 1820

Peter York Constable

March 6th 1820 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was
opened and the following votes were passed in the

following manner

- 1st Made choice of Timothy Carter Esq Moderator
- 2^d Voted to excuse T. Carter Esq from serving
- 3^d Made choice of Doctor M. Mason Moderator
- 4th Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April at ten oclock in the forenoon

Doct. Moses Mason Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Pursuant to the adjournment of the meeting held on 6th of December 1819 the meeting was opened and adjourned to the first monday in April at eleven oclock A. M.

Doct John Grover Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett

April 3^d 1820

Pursuant to the adjournment of March meeting the meeting was opened and the following votes were taken VIZ.

- 1st Voted to raise 145 dollars to build Alder River Bridge
- 2^d Voted to pass over the 3 article
- 3^d Voted to raise 700 dollars to repair highways
- 4th Voted to raise 200 dollars for schooling
- 5th Voted to reconsider the two last votes taken
- 6th Voted to raise 500 dollars in addition to the sum raised in March 1819 to repair highways
- Voted to raise 25 dollars in addition to the sum raised in March 1819 for schooling

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- 8th Voted to justify the Trustees in Commencing a suit against Sam^l B. Lock provided he does not fulfill the contract respecting the public lands in Bethel

- 9th Voted that the town Paupers be provided discretionary by the Pvisurs of the Poor
- 10th Voted to raise 150 dollars to support s^d poor
- 11th Voted to raise 250 dollars to defray town charges
- 12th Voted to accept Job York's account after reducing it to \$7.70^{cts}
- 13th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee on accounts
- 14th Voted that the Selectmen be in session once in every two months the first session to commence on the second Saturday in April 1820 an so on in succession

Doct. Moses Mason Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

April 3^d 1820

Pursuant to the second adjournment of this meeting the meeting was opened and the following vote was taken viz.

- 1st Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in September at one of the oclock in the afternoon

Doct. John Grover Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

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To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Main, to

L.S. warn the male inhabitants of said town of Bethel of the age

L.S. of twenty one years and upwards, excepting Paupurs, persons under guardianship and Indians not taxed having a residence of three months to meet at the centre meeting house on Monday the third day of April next at one O'clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for Governor Senators and a Representative, agreeable to the Constitution of said State

Timothy Carter	}	Selectmen
John Grover		of Bethel
John Holt		

Constable Returns

Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned Peter York
Constable

April 3^d 1820

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the votes were given in for Governor in the following manner to wite.

For the Hon. W^m King - - 122

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For Timothy Hastings - 12

For Timothy Carter Esq. - 2

For Ezekiel Whitman Esq. - 1

Votes for Senators VIZ.

For Hon. Sam^l Small - - 107

For James W^m Ripley - - 107

For W^m Russell Jr. 6

For S. Twitchell 6

Votes for a Representative VIZ.

For Dec. John Holt one 1

For Doct. Moses Mason twelve 12

For Col S. Chapman Seventeen 17

For Barb^r Bartlett Twenty eight 28

For Doct. John Grover Fifty four 54

For Timothy Carter Esq. Sixty seven 67

Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

L.S. To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel

L.S. Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote for Representatives, to meet at the centre meeting house on Monday the third day of April next at three O'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a County Treasurer

Given under hands and seals this eighteenth day of March A. D. 1820

Timothy Carter	}	Selectmen
John Grover		of
John Holt		Bethel

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April 3^d 1820

Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned --

Peter York Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the Inhabitants gave in their votes for a County ^(T)Treasurer in the following manner to wit;

For Henry Russell Esq. Sixty votes 60

Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Warrant April 17th A. D. 1820

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel or Galen Carter
X of Bethel - reeting

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Bethel qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in said State to meet at the centre Meeting House in Bethel on Monday the twentieth day of April at

one of the o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the Legislature appointed to be convened and holden at Portland on the last Wednesday of May next

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this eighth day of April A. D. 1820

Timothy Carter	}	Selectmen
John Grover		of Bethel
John Holt		

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April 17th 1820

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said town to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned. Galen Carter Inhabitant of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the votes for a Representative were given in in the following manner To wit.

For Timothy Carter Esq. nineteen	-	-	-	19
For Doct. J. Grover forty two	-	-	-	42
For Col. S. Chapman fifty two	-	-	-	52
For B. Bartlett seventeen	-	-	-	<u>17</u>
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Timothy Carter Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel or Galen Carter Inhabitant of Bethel

L.S.

Greeting

L.S. You are required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said (B) ethel qualified to vote in town meetings to meet & assemble at the Centre Meeting House in

Bethel on the seventeenth day of April at two Oclock in P. M.
to transact the following business VIZ.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting
- 2^d To see if the town will vote to petition the first Legislature of Maine to abolish the Circuit Courts of common pleas, & to enlarge the Jurisdiction of the Justices of the place, admitting the right of Jurors to the party aquired in all cases.
- 3^d To transact any other business the town may think proper when next

Given under our hands and seals this 8th day of April A. D. 1820

Timothy Carter } Selectmen
John Grover } of Bethel
John Holt }

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Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned & notified the inhabitatns of Bethel as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Galen Carter Inhabitant of s^d
Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the following votes were passed VIZ.

- 1st Made choice of Col. Sam^l Chapman Moderator
- 2^d Voted to petition the first Legislature of Maine to abolish the Circuit Court of Common pleas
- 3^d Voted that the Selectmen petition for the town
- 4th Voted to leave the building of Bare River Bridge discretionary with the Selectmen
- 5th Voted that the 7th School district contain the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th lots in the 6th first ranges of lots in Bethel

Col. Sam^l Chapman Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Warrant April 29th 1820

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to
notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualified
by the Constitution of Said State to vote for Representatives,
to meet at the centre Meeting House in Bethel, on saturday the
twentyninth day of April inst. at one O'clock P. M. for the
purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to the
first Legislature of Maine

2^d To see if the town vote that the Selectmen Shall warn no
more meetings for the choice of a Representative to the
first Legislature provided there should be no choice at the
present meeting

Given under our hands and seals this 19th day of April 1820

Timothy Carter } Selectmen
John Grover } of Bethel
John Holt

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Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned
the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein expressed to meet
at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Constable

April 29th 1820

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the
Inhabitants gave in their votes for a Representative for the first
Legislature in the following manner VIZ.

For Timothy Carter Esq. Sixty one	- -	61
For Doct. John Grover Fifty three	- -	53
For Doct. Moses Mason Sixteen	- - -	16

For Col. S. Chapman	five	-	-	-	5
For Asa Cummings Esq.	one	-	-	-	<u>1</u>
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2^d Voted that the Selectmen warn no more meetings for the above purposes 83 and 7 voted that they should warn more meetings

Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

Warrant May 9th 1820

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
L.S. you are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to
L.S. notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified by the
Constitution of said State to vote for a Representative to meet
at the Centre Meeting House in s^d Bethel on Tuesday the ninth
day of May inst. at on O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose
of choosing a Representative to represent them at the first
Legislature of s^d State to be convened at Portland on the last
wednesday of May Instant

Given under our hands and seals at Bethel this second day
of May A. D. 1820

Timothy Carter	}	Selectmen
John Grover		of Bethel
John Holt		

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May 9th 1820

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the
male Inhabitants of s^d town qualified as therein expressed to
meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned
Peter York Constable of Bethel

May 9th 1829

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and

the Inhabitants gave in their votes for a Representative for the first Legislature of Maine in the following manner VIZ.

For Eliphaz Chapman two - - 2

For Timothy Carter ESq. five - 5

For Doct. Moses Mason twelve - 12

For Asa Cummings Esq. twenty five 25

For Eli Twitchell Esq. sixteen 16

For Doct. John Grover sixtynine 69

And was chosen - T. Carter Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

September 4th 1820

The four the adjournment of a meeting notified and warned to be holden on the 6th of Decemb^r 1819 Pursuant to the adjournment the meeting was opened and the following votes were taken VIZ.

1st Voted to accept the report of the Committee viz. Eli Twitchell Esq. Capt. Daniel Grout and Gen. Amos Hastings

2^d Voted to choose a new Committee to make a new plan of Bare River Bridge

3^d Voted that Capt. Daniel Samuel B. Lock & Timothy Carter Esq. be this Committee

4th Voted that the Committee from Newry have an invitation to sit and confer with the Committee from Bethel turn over

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5th Voted that the height of the bridge be agreeable to the report of the former Committee

6th Voted to accept the report of the sub Committee with the exception of the height of the bridge

7 Voted that the butment on the east side of Bare River be set up and disposed to the lowest bidder by the superintinding Committee of Bethel and Newry at the time and place which they shall appoint after giving suitable notice

- 8 Voted that this bridge be built the last of October in 1821
- 9 Voted that the payment shall be made in Stock and Produce if in Stock on the first of November if in grain by the middle of January following
- 10 Voted to set up the building of Bare River Bridge except the cast Butment to the man who will build it for the last property paid to him agreeable to the last vote
- 11 Voted that the bills be left with the Contractor and if not paid according to the contract the bills are to be handed to the Collector for collection -
Struck of to James Beaty at one hundred and thirty five dollars \$135.00
- 12th Voted that the Treasurer enter into Bonds with James Beaty for his faithfully performing and building s^d Bridge
- 13th Voted to raise one hundred thirty five dollars to build said Bridge

Doctr John Grover Moderator
Attest B Bartlett Clerk

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Warrant November 6th 1820

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel - Greeting
L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine
L.S. to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by
the Constitution of Said State to vote for a Repesantative to
Congress to meet at the centre Meeting house monday, the sixth
day of Nov^m next at O'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a
Representative to Congress for the county of Oxford Me. Like
wise to give in their votes for Electors for President & Vice
President of the United States

Given under our hands and seals this twenty third day of
October A. D. 1820

Timothy Carter } Selectmen
John Holt } of Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned
Peter York Constable of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the votes for a Representative to Congress were given in the following manner VIZ.

For Enoch Lincoln Esq. thirty three votes 33
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Brought over

Votes for Electors in the following manner

VIZ. } For Joshua Wingate Jr. - - 25
For William Moody - - 25

In the County of Oxford

For Levi Hubbard - - 28

Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Clerk

Warrant November 6th 1820

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine
L.S. to notify and warn the the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel
qualified by law to vote in meeting to meet at the centre meeting
House on monday the sixth day of November next at two O'clock
in the afternoon

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate s^d meeting

2^d To see what method the town will take to repair Highways

and Bridges

3^{ly} To raise money to pay the fine laid on the Road towards
Capt. Abbots Mills and for the repairs of roads

4th To transact any other business when meet the town may think
necessary

Given under our hands and seals this twenty third day of
Oct. 1820

Timothy Carter } Selectmen
John Holt } of Bethel
carried up

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Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned
the male Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed
to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Peter York Constable of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the
following votes were passed VIZ.

1st Made choice of Capt. Jon^a Abbot for Moderator to regulate
s^d meeting

2^d Voted to raise money for the repair of road

3^d Voted to raise six hundred dollars to be laid out in the
usual manner

4th Voted to reconsider the two last votes

5th Voted to raise 250 dollars to meet the complaint and pay
the fine and cost laid on the road leading from Aaron Abbots
to the town line -

Jonathan Abbot Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

February 3^d 1821 Warrant

To Peter York Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
 L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Main
 L.S. to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bethel
 qualified by the Constitution of said State to vote in town me-
 etings to meet at the centre Meeting in said Bethel on Saturday
 the third day of Febr. A. D. 1821 at one O, colck in the after-
 noon to act on the following articles To wit.

- 1stly To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting
- 2^dly To see if the town will choose an Agent to make defence in
 behalf of the town against the suits which have or may be
 commenced against said town
- 3^dly To transact any other business the town may think proper
 when met

Given under our hands and seals this tenth day of
 Jan. A. D. 1821

Timothy Carter } Selectmen
 John Holt } of
 Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the
 Inhabitants of said Bethel qualified as therein expressed to
 assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within
 mentioned Peter York Constable of Bethel

February 3^d A. D. 1821

(p)ursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the
 following votes were taken VIZ.

- 1st Made choice of Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator
- 2^d Voted to choose an Agent to attend to all suits in behalf
 of the town which have or may be commenced against said

Bethel

3^{dly} Made choice of Barb^r Bartlett Agent of Bethel for the above purposes

Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

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Warrant March Meeting 1821

To Peter York Esq. Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
L.S. You are hereby require in the name of State of Maine to notify
L.S. and warn the male Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by the
Constitution and laws of said State to vote in Town meetings for
the purpose of choosing Town Officers and raising money & to meet
at the centre Meeting house in Bethel on Monday the fifth day of
March next at ten O'clock A.M. for the purpose of transacting the
following business VIZ.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
- 2^d To choose a Clerk
- 3^d To choose a Treasurer
- 4th To choose Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Assessors
- 5th To choose Constable
- 6 To choose all other town officers towns are authorised to
choose at their annual meetings for the proper management
of the concerns of the Town
- 7th To see what method the town will take to settle with Mr.
Sam^l B. Locke about the school land in his possession
- 8th To raise money to make and repair roads in said Town
- 9th To raise money for the support of Schools
- 10th To raise money to defray town charges
- 11th To transact other proper business when met

Given under our hands Timothy Carter } Select
and seals this seventeenth John Holt } men
day of Feb. 1821 } of Bethel

Constable's Return

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned Feby 26th 1821

Peter York Constable

March 5th 1821

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the following votes were taken VIZ.

- 1st Made choice of Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator
- 2^d Made choice of Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk
- 3^d Made choic of Israel Kimball 1st Selectman
- 4th Voted to excuse him from serving
- 5th Made choice of Timothy Carter 1st Selectman
- 6th Made choice of Col. Sam^l Chapman 2^d Selectman
Voted to excuse Timothy Carter from serving as Moderator in the meeting he being called to visit the sick.
- 7th Made choice of Jonas D. Meriam Moderator to finish the business of this meeting
- 8th Made choice of Perigrine Bartlett 3^d Selectman
- 9th Voted that the Selectmen be overseers of the Poor
- 10th Made choice of Timothy Carter Esq, Col. Samuel Chapman and Perigrine Bartlett Assessors
- 11th Made choice of Barb^r Bartlett Treasurer The above officers were chosen by Ballot
- 12th Voted to pass over the 5th article until the Collector is chosen
- 13th Voted to set up the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder on the dollar and that man by procuring good bondsmen shall be Collector
- 14th Struck of to Mr. Jedediah Burbank at four and half cents on the dollar
- 15th Voted that Jed. Burbank be Collector and He brot forward Dec. Sam^l Barker and Moses Mason who were accepted by the town as his Bondsmen

Made choice of Jed^h Burbank Constable

Made choice of the following town Officers VIZ.

Surveyors of Highways

Capt. Elias Bartlett	W ^m Russell Jr.
Phinehas Howard	Eli Twitchell 3 ^d
Edmond Bean	Col. S. Chapman
James Swan	Ezra Twitchell Jr.
Israel Kimball	Reuben Bartlett
James Grover Jr.	Freeborn G. Bartlett
Micaiah Blake	Moses Bartlett

Surveyors of Lumber

Micaiah Blake	Joseph Twitchell
Amos Hills Esq.	Jonas Willis X

Fence Viewers

Ebnz ^r Eames Jr.	Phinehas Howard
William Holt	
Moses Mason Jr.	Adam Willis

Tything Men

Perigrine Bartlett Ini	Sam ^l Barker X
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Field Drivers

Jesse Cross	Eli Grover X excussed
Moses Mason	W ^m Staples X excussed
Stephen Bartlett X excussed	

Hog Reefs

X Elihu Bean	James Grover Jr.
X Jona th Wheeler	Sylvanus Twitchell
Phinihas Howard	James F. Carter
X John Hastings	Nathan A. Foster

Pound Keeper

Israel Kimball

Oxford ss March 3th 1821

Personally appeared the afore named Town Officers except the

Treasurer and Town Clerk and those who have this mark affixed to their name and took the several oaths to their respective offices before

Barb^r Bartlett Justic Peace

The Treasurer and Town Clerk personally appeared before Timothy Carter Esqr and took the several oaths of him required by law-- Voted that this meeting stand adjourned to this place three weeks from this day at ten O'clock in the forenoon

Jonas D. Merrium Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

March 26th 1821

Pursuant to the adjournment of March meeting the meeting was opened and the following votes were taken VIZ.

Voted that Timothy Carter Esq. Doctor John Grover Barb^r Bartlett Doctor Moses Mason and Capt. Elias Bartlett be the School Committee

Voted that the Trustees of the Minister and School Fund shall act discretionary in settleing with Sam^l B. Locke respecting the land in his possession, being a part of the school rite which came into his possession as he says in consequence of his building Mills on the same

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Voted to raise \$200 for the support schools

Voted to raise \$200 to defray Town charges

Voted to reconsider the last vote

Voted to raise \$400 to defray town charges

Voted to raise \$1500 dollars to repair Highway

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to to petition the Court of Sessions to establish the Roads where they are now traveled

First beginning at Capt. Daniel Grout, leading by Doct. Moses

Mason,s to Greenwood line

Voted to accept the following Accounts VIZ.

Timothy Carter,s	-	-	-	\$13.00
Eli Twitchell,s	-	-	-	67.50
John Holt,s	-	-	-	8.92

Voted that the Selectmen settle with David Bean

Luther Bean,s	-	-	-	12.00
Samuel B. Locke	-	-	-	1.00
Gen. Amos Hastings	-	-	-	1.00
Arnold Powers	-	-	-	2.00
Isaac Towne,s	-	-	-	15.10

Voted that the Committee viz. Eli Twitchell Capt. Daniel Grout
Gen. Amos Hastings be authorised to make such alterations in
Bare River Bridge as they shall think best;
And let out build or cause the same to be built to the best
advantage

Jonas D. Meriam Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett

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April 14th 1821

To Jedediah Burbank Constable of the town of Bethel

L.S. Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to
notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of said Bethel qualified by
the Constitution to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble
at the Centre Meeting in said town on Thursday the fourteenth Inst.
at One Oclock in the afternoon

1st To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting

2^{dly} To choos an Assessor to fill the vacancy of one declining
to serve

3^{dly} To Vendue such of the Poor of s^d Town for their support for
their support the year ensuing as may not otherwise be

provid for
4th To transact any other business the town may think proper
when met

Given under our hands and seals this fourth day of April
A.D. 1821

Timothy Carter } Selectmen
Sam^l Chapman } of Bethel

April 11th 1821 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified
and warned the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein
expressed to meet at the time and place & for the purposes within
mentioned

Jedediah Burbank } Constable of Bethel
Turn Over

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April 14th 1821

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened at the
time and place and the following votes were taken VIZ.

- 1st Made Choice of James Walker Moderator
- 2^d Made choice of Peter York Esq. as an Assessor to supply the
vacancy of Timothy Carter Esq. who declined serving as an
assessor And said York was sworn to the faithful perfor-
mance of said office as the law directs

The Town Paupers set up to be strauk of to the lowest bider
W^m Burk set up to be struck off to the man who will provide his
food washing mending and Tobacco the cheapest
Struck off to Timothy Bean at 28 cents per week for one year
Voted to leave Polly Capen with the care of the Overseers of the
Poor

Voted not to afford old Mrs. Ellinwood any support

James Walker Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

September 10th 1821

To Jedediah Burbank Constable of the Town of Bethel

L.S.

Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by the Constitution to vote for State Officers to meet at the Centre Meeting House in Bethel on Monday the tenth day of Sept. inst. at one O'clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor Senators and a Representative
 Given under our hands and seals this twenty fourth day of August
 A. D. 1821

Timothy Carter } Selectmen
 Samuel Chapman } of Bethel

Pursuant to the above warrant the meeting was opened and the votes were given in the following manner VIZ.

For Gover	}	Hon. Ezekiel Whitman had twenty four	24
		Hon. Ebion K. Parris had	114
For Senators	}	James W. Riply	101
		Cornelius Holland	67
		Doct. Sam ^l Small	19
		Levi Whitman	15
		W ^m King Parker	3
		Barb ^r Bartlett	
		Adam Willis	1
		Clark Kimball	
		James Starr	1

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 of the meeting

}	Col. Sam ^l Chapman had	17
	Doct. Moses Mason	29

For	}	Amos Hills Esq.	15
Representative		Barb ^r Bartlett	56
		Phinehas Frost	9
		Doct. J. Grover	2

Timothy Carter Moderator
Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Inn holder & Retailors

At legal meeting of the Selectmen Treasurer and Town Clerk of Bethel holden agreeable to notice on Monday the 10th day of Sept. 1821

The following persons were by them Licenced in the following manner VIZ.

Doct. Moses Mason as Inn holder-

James Walker

O, Niel W. Robinson

John Merrill

James F. Carter

as Retailors of Spirituous
Liquors in Bethel for the year ensuing

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Warrant Sept. 10th 1821

To Jedediah Burbank Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to
L.S. notfiy and warn the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote
in Town affairs to meet at the centre meeting in Bethel on monday
the tenth day of September at two O,clock in the affernoon to
Act on the following articles VIZ.

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First To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting

2^d To see what method the Town will take to make repairs on
High Ways

3^d To transact any other business the Town may think proper
when met

Given under our hands and seals this twenty-fourth day of
August 1821

Timothy Carter } Selectmen of
Sam^l Chapman } Bethel

Constable return for this and the last Warrant

Pursuant to the within warrant I notified and warned the qualified
Voters of Bethel to meet at the time and place and for the pur-
pose within mentioned

Jedediah Burbank } Constable of Bethel

September 10th 1821 two O'clock P.M.

Pursuant to the foregoing the meeting was opened and the
following taken VIZ.

- 1st Made choice of Doct. Moses Mason Moderator
- 2^d Voted that the repair of Highways be left discretionary
with the Selectmen
- 3^d Voted to leave the management of Mr. Ingalls Family dis-
cretionary with Selectmen
- 4th Voted that the Selectmen in behalf of the Town remonstrate
against a division of the County of Oxford

Doct. Moses Mason Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

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September 10th 1821 4 O'clock P.M.

To Jedediah Burbank Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting
L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine
L.S. to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bethel
qualified to vote in town meetings to assemble at the centre
meeting house in Bethel on monday the tenth day of Septm at four
O'clock P.M. to give in their votes for a County Treasurer and
Register

Given under our hands and seals this 6th day of September A. D.
1821

Samuel Chapman }
Peregrine Bartlett } Selectmen of
Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the qualified voters of the town of Bethel to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

10th Sept 1821 Jedediah Burbank Const. of Bethel

Pursuant to the above warrant the meeting was opened and the votes were given in in the following manner for Treasurer and Register VIZ.

For Treasurer	Henry Rust	-	-	-	23
	Thomas Clarke	-	-		2

For Register	Alanson Mellen	6
	Thomas Clarke	17

Voted that the following Juriors names be put in the Jury Box

Timothy Carter Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

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List of Names put into the Jury Box Sept 10th A.D. 1821

Jonas Willis	Joseph C. Walker
Amos Hills	Ezra Twitchell
O,Neil W. Robinson	John Barker
Hezekial Andrews	Jon th Powers
Daniel Grout	Elias Bartlett
Cyrus Twitchell	Harman Holt
Norman Clarke	Luther Bean
Jonathan Abbot	William Andrews
Timothy Hastings	Israel Kamball
Samuel Barker Jr.	Moses Bartlett

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

To Jedediah Burbank Constable of the town of Bethel

Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to
L.S. notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Bethel qualified
by the Constitution to vote for Representatives to meet and as-
semble at the Centre Meeting House in said Town on Monday the
24th Instant at one O'clock in the afternoon to give in their
votes for a Representative for Bethel District to the Legislature
of said State of Maine

Given under our hands and seals this 15th day of September cur-
rent A. D. 1821

Timothy Carter 2 Selectmen
Sam^l Chapman of Bethel
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September 24th 1821

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants
of said qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and
place and for the purposes with mentioned

Jedediah Burbank Const of Bethel

Pursuant to the above warrant the meeting was opened and the In-
habitants gave in their votes for a Representative in the following
manner VIZ.

For Eli Twitchell Esq. one - - - 1

For Barb^r Bartlett Forty one - - - 41

Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett } Town Clerk

Warrant Nov 26th 1821

To Jedediah Burbank Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting
L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to
L.S. notify and the male Inhabitants of s^d Bethel qualified to vote

in town meeting, to meet and assemble at the centre meeting House
in Bethel on Monday the twenty sixth day of Nov^m Inst. at one
O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles VIZ.

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- First To choose a Moderator to govern s^d meeting
Second To raise money to meet the expense of building the bridge
over Bare River
Third To transact such other business as the Town may think
necessary and proper when met

Given under our hands and seals this nineteenth day of Nov^m
A. D. 1821

Timothy Carter } Selectmen
Perigrine Bartlett } of Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the
Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet
at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Jedediah Burbank Const^l of Bethel

Nov^m 26th 1821

Pursuant to the above warrant the meeting was opened and the fol-
lowing votes were taken VIZ.

- 1st Made choice of Timothy Carter Moderator
2^d Voted to raise one hundred dollars in addition to the \$135
which was raised in Sept 1820 to build Bare River Bridge
3^d Voted that the \$135 shall be assessed together with the
\$100 innediately to defray the expencnce of building Bare
River Bridge

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- 4th Voted to choose a Committee to see if the Mr. Howards will so far compromise with the town of Bethel as to withdraw their petition for a county road
- 5th Made choice of Timothy Carter Esq. Col. Amos Hastings and Moses Mason for s^d Committee
- 6th Voted to accept a bridge road laid out for the use of Elijah Bartlett
- 7th Voted to pass over the fourth Article
- 8th Voted to choose a Committee to examine the plans for a road round by Mr. Lock's and across by Col Amos Hastings and report which in their opinion would conven the public best and damage individuals the least

Appointed Timothy Carter Capt. Daniel C. Grout and Deac. Asa Kimball for s^d Committee

Lieut Moses Bartlett Moderator
Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

4th Voted that the Town Give Elijah Grover eight dollars and 75 cts providing he will give bonds to the town for the support and maintenance of Esther Burk so as to clear the town from all expence that may arise on her account

Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

Warrant March 4th 1822

To Jedediah Burbank Constable of the town of Bethel

L.S.

Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Bethel qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet and assemble at the centre Meeting house in said Bethel on Monday the fourth day of march next at ten O'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business VIZ.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to regulate s^d meeting
- 2^d " choose a Clerk
- 3^d " Selectmen and Overseers to the Poor
- 4th " choose Assessors
- 5th " choose a Treasurer
- 6th " choose a Constable and Collector
- 7th choose a School Committee
- 8th " choose all other town officers which are necessary to be chosen at the annual meeting
- 9th " Raise money to repair highway
- 10th " Raise money to support school
- 11th Raise money to defray town charges
- 12th " See what method the town will take to support the poor and meet the expence which has arisen in consequence of a certain Mr. Fosters being sick at Mr. Foxwell Swan's -
- 13th " See if the town will divide the lower school District

- on the north side
- 14th " See if the town will do anything about Building a Bridge
over Sunday River
- 15th " See if the town will choose a Committee to examine and
allow accounts

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- 16th To transact any other business the town may think proper
when met

Given under our hands and seals this eighteenth day
of February A. D. 1822

Timothy Carter } Selectmen
Samuel Chapman } of Bethel

Oxford ss. Bethel March 2^d 1822 Pursuant to the within warrant
I have notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein
expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes
within mentioned

Jedediah Burbank Constable
March 4th 1822

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened and the
following votes were taken in the following manner VIZ.

Made choice of Amos Hill Esq. moderator

Made choice of Barber Bartlett Town Clerk

Voted that the Selectmen Shall be Assessors

Made choice of Peter York Esq^r 1st Selectman and Assessor

Voted that the Second Selectman be at the lower end of the town

Made choice of Phineas Frost Esq. 2^d Selectman and Assessor

Made choice of Col. Samuel Chapman 3^d Selectman and Assessor

Made choice of Peter York Phineas Frost and Samuel Chapman Asses-
sor of Bethel

Voted that other Officers be chosen by hand vote

Voted that the Selectmen be overseers of the Poor

Voted that Barber Bartlett be Treasurer of Bethel
Voted to Set up the Collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder
Struck of to Otis Grover at 3/2 percent
Voted to escept Peter Wheeler and John Mills as his bondsmen

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Voted that Otis Grover be Collector and Constable
Voted that Timothy Carter Esqr Elias Bartlett be John Grover Esq^r
John Grover Esq^r Barber Bartlett Esq^r Elias Grover Esqr. be
School Committee

Surveyors of highways

Luther Bean	Elias Grover
Capt. Asa Kimball	Peter Wheeler
Hezakiah Andrews	Ebener Bean
Israel Kimball	Simeon Twitchell
Dea ^r John Holt	W ^m Holt
Joseph C. Walker	Reuben Bartlett
Robins Brown (excused)	Jonas Willis
Capt. Daniel Grout excused	Chandler Russell
Peter Grover excused	Aaron Abbot
	Elihu Bean

Surveyors of Lumber

Joseph Twitchell	Elias Bartlett X
Capt Jonathan Abbot	

Fence Viewers

Moses Mason X	Ebeneser Bartlett
Moses Bartlett	Eben Eames Jr.
Amos Andrews	

Tyhing Men

Joel Burbank	Thad Bartlett
Israel Kimball	Jonas Willis

Field Drivers

Aaron Mason	Eben Eames
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Joseph Twitchell

Chandler Russell

Hog Reefs

James Walker

Jacob Littlehale

Sylvanus Twitchell X

Ebenezer Greenwood

Eben Eames Jr.

W^m Staples

Pound Keeper

Israel Kimball

Personally appeared the above named who were not excused and who have not this mark X affixed to their names and were sworn in the law requires to the faithful discharge of their offices severally

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Voted to raise \$500 dollars to repare highways

Voted that we raise money for the School as the law directs to be paid in Wheat at \$1⁰⁰50 per bushel Rye at \$1⁰⁰00 per bush peas at \$1⁰⁰00 oats at 50 Cents per bushel to be paid into the agents of the Several School Districts on or before the first day of March next

Voted to raise \$250⁰⁰ to defray town Charges

Voted to divide the lower district North Side

Voted that the divisson line in Said district be between Capt Jonathan Powers and Jonas Willes

Voted to build a Bridge over Sunday river

Voted to rase a Committee of 3 to make a plan of Said Bridge and estemate the expence thereof and report at the next meeting

Voted that Capt Daniel Grout Eli Twitchell Esq Timothy Carter Esq^r. be this Committee

Voted to raise a Committee to examine and allow acconts

Made choice of Amos Hill Barber Bartlett James Walker for Said Committee

Amos Hill Moderator

Attest Barber Bartlett Town Clerk

Warrant July 1st 1822

To Otis Grover Constable of the Town of Bethel - Greeting
(Seal)

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and and warn the Inhabitants of s^d Town of Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Centre meeting house in Said town on monday the Eight day of July instant at one oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles VIZ.

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- 1st to Chose a Moderator to govern Said meeting
- 2nd to See what method the town will take to dispose of M^r Isaac Frost who has become chargeble a pauper
- 3^d To what method the town take to despose of Susan Farewell and her Infant child
- 4th to act on any other bueness which the Town Shall think propper when met

Given under our hands and Seals this 1st day of July 1822

Peter York Selectmen
Sam^l Chapman }
Phinehas Frost of Bethel

July 7th 1822

Pursuant to the within warrant I notified and warned the Inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified to vote in town afairs to meet at the time and place and for the within mentioned

Otis Grover Constable

July 8th 1822

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened at the time and place and the following votes were pased VIZ.

- 1st Made Choice of Timothy Carter Esq. Moderator
- 2 Voted to allow M^r Pote 20 dollars for the Support of Isaac Frost provided he will withdraw his action commenced Aganist

the town and Subject the town to no more expence hereafter
3^d Voted to Set up Susanna Farewell and her Child town paupers
to be Struck off to the lowest Bider
4th Struck off Reuben Bartlett at 2/9 per week until the town
meeting in September

Carried over

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he is to pay all expences and make all all nesessary provision
for there comfort able support except clothing and Doctors bills
W^m Burk Set up to Struck off to the man who will provide all
necessary Support except Doctors bills and Clothing from this time
to March meeting
Struck off to Timothy Bean at 2 Cents per week
Voted that Amos Hill be auhoresed to inform Doctor Adams that
at a thin town meeting hase present appeared to manefest a will-
ingness to pay his account but wished not to take any vote directly
till September meeting

Timothy Carter Moderator

Attest Barber Bartlett Town Clerk

A Road

Laid out for the use of the town of Bethel A town way as follows
VIZ -

begining att the South line of Elizah Grovers land thence South
3 degrees East 272 rods
To Capt Peter Twitchels thence South 9 degrees East 262 Rods to
the Land of John Goerit Said Road to be 3 Rods wide and to lie
on each Sides of Said courses

Dated at Bethel this 13th day June 1822

Peter York } Selectmen
Sam^l. Chapman } of
Bethel

Accepted July 8th 1822

A Warrant

To Otis Grover Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

Seal

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to Summon and Notify the Inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified to vote in town afares to assemble at the Center Meeting house on the day of September next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles to wit

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- 1st to chose a moderator to govern Said meeting
- 2^d to raise money to make the road on the north Side of the great river that is now complained of
- 3^d to raise money to build a bridge over Sunday river
- 4th to See if the town will let out Said bridge by the Job to have it built
- 5 to act on any other matters the town Shall think propper when met

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty ninth day of August A. D. 1822

Peter York	}	Selectmen
Sam ^l . Chapman		of
		Bethel

Bethel September 2th 1822

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Said town qualified as therein in expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Otis Grover Constable of Bethel

Sept. 9th 1822

Pursuant to the within warrant the meeting was opened and the following votes passed VIZ.

1st Made choice of John Grover Esq. Moderator
 Voted to raise money to repare the road on the north Side of the
 river by Peter Yorks Reuben Bartletts to Eben Eames houses
 Voted to raise the money in the usal form of rasing money for
 the repare of highways in Said town
 Voted to raise one hundred dollars to repare Said road
 Voted that Mr Israel Kimball ~~be~~ Surveyor of this of the town to
 expend Said money on Said Road at Eight Cents per hour
 Voted to pass over the third article and act on the fourth
 Voted to let out the building of Sunday river Bridge by the job
 Voted to pay for building Said Bridge in money

turn over

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Voted to pay the undertaker when the work is done
 Voted that the bridge be completed on the last of July Next
 Struck of to M^r Timothy Bean at \$2⁰⁰ 50 Two hundred and fifty
 dollars
 Voted to raise a committee to Superentend the building Said bridge
 and accept Said Bridge when compleated and report the Same to the
 Selectmen
 Voted that Capt Daniel Grout Eli Twitchel Esqr and Timothy Car-
 ter Esqr Said Committee
 Voted to adjourn this meeting two hours

John Grover Esqr

Moderator

Attest Barber Bartlett town Clerk

A Warrant

To Otis Grover Constable of the town of Bethel Greeting

Seals

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to
 notify and warn the Inhabitants of Said town qualified according

to the Constitution to assemble at the Center meeting house in Said town on the Second money of September next at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in there Votes for Governor for Senators and for one Representative in Legislature and a County Treasurer The Selectmen will be in Session at the Store of James F Carters Store at ten of the clock in the forenoon of the Same day to reiew evidence of the qualifications of persens whose name not been entend on the list Given under our hands and Seals at Said Bethel the twenty fourth day of august AD 1822

Peter York	}	Selectmen
Sam. ^l Chapman		of
		Bethel

Bethel Sept 2th 1822

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Said town qualified as therein expresed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentiond

Otis Grover } Constable of Bethel

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Agreeable to the adjournment the meeting was opened and the following Votes were taken

Voted that the Selectmen Set up Guide boards in the following places one at Robins Browns one at James Walkers one at Aaron Abbots two at Dustins ferry one at the Cornor in the pine woods near Kendalls ferry and at Hat Swans one at Moses Masons one at John Ellenwoods one at Asa Kimballs and one at Meciah Blake Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to inquire into the Case of Burry Colby pauper and to Commense any legal proceedings for her Support that they may think proper

September 9th 1822

Pursuant to the warrant the meeting was opened and gave in there votes For govenor as follows VIZ

For Albson K Parris one hundred and Nine

For Ezekiel Whitman thirty

For Senators as follows

For James Steel Seventy one

For Samuel Small Seventy two

For Alden Blossom one

For Representative

For Elipaz Chapman Seventy Eight

Timothy Carter Esqr. one

Abraham Burbank one

County Treasurer

For Henry Rust fifty five

Mansor P. Holten five

Peter York Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

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Agreeable to adjournment to the preseding Meeting the meeting was opened and the following Votes ware taken

Voted that the Selectmen Set up guide Boards in following places

one at Robins Browns one at James Walkers one at Aaron Abbots

2 at dustins ferry one at the Corner in the pine woods near

Kendals ferry one at Nathⁿ Swans one at Moses Masons one at

John Ellenwood one at Asa Kimballs one at Mercah Blake

Voted that the Selectmen be authoresed to inquire into the case of Burry Calby pauper and to Commence any legal precdings for her Support that they think proper

Set up Sukey Farewell and child to the Lowest bider Struck of to M^r Farewell at faunteen cents per week till march Meeting

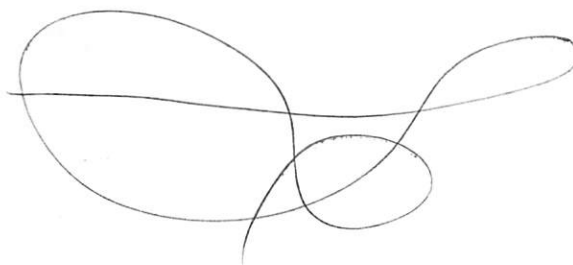
John Grover Esq Moderator

Attest Barb^r Bartlett Town Clerk

September 10th 1822

At a meeting of the Selectmen Town Treasurer and Town Clerk
James F. Carter James Walker O,Neil W. Robinson and John
Merrill were licenced as Retailers in the town of Bethel the year
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